

# A HEART-WARMING EXPERIENCE FOR BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE SUNDAY

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I entered the sanctuary fifteen minutes early and took a seat near the back at the extreme right. The location permitted me to see both the pulpit and the congregation. I wanted, curiously, to watch the people.

A man with the stature of a laborer, his wife and three children took the

seat immediately in front of me. Young people coming from a Bible class filled the pew two rows forward. Another family took seats on the opposite end of the pew where I was sitting. Their boy of about eight was closest to me—half a bench away.

#### Filled Rapidly

The 1200-seat sanctuary filled rapidly once Bible classes had dismissed. The organ sounded the call to wor-

ship. The congregation, rising, joined in the Doxology. I could not understand the words, but there was no doubt about the tune and the enthusiasm of the people in their hymn of gratitude to God.

As if I could be dreaming, I assured myself that it was true. The church was the First Baptist of Rio de Janeiro, and I was five thousand miles from home. Only yesterday my plane had

touched down at Rio airport after an overnight, one-stop flight from New York. Yet, despite the distance I sensed a striking similarity between this sanctuary and these people, and my own place of worship in Washington. The language of the people was different and their skin was a shade darker. But the same God was there.

I was amazed that I recognized the songs. The tunes, the general spirit of

each called the English words to mind. But I was not singing, and the youngster to my left noticed it. He scooted across the five feet of bench between us and offered his hymnal. I took one side, he held the other. He sang enthusiastically, and I knew the hymn was one of his favorites. I hummed... and tried to choke down the lump in my throat.

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## Mission Meetings Get Last Call

The Baptist Record is this week issuing its last possible call for the last week of the series of World Mission Conferences being held over the state.

Five of the nine scheduled conferences will be completed on Friday night of this week with the remaining four to be held next week.

Dr. Chester L. Quarles, state Baptist executive secretary-treasurer, and Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, pastor of First Baptist

Church, Jackson, are the principal speakers at the Conferences. Rev. Gordon Sansing, state associate executive secretary, who will direct the conferences, has urged every church to be represented with its leadership at the conference most convenient.

#### Gulfport Emphasis

Emphasis is being given at each meeting to the campaign now being conducted to raise \$100,000 to complete the renovation of Gulfport Assembly.

Every church and association leader, officer and worker is urged to attend.

Each conference will begin with a supper meeting at the host church at 5:30. Each program will begin at 7 o'clock with adjournment set for 9:30.

Phases of work to be presented on the regular program include Baptist Student Union, Relief and Annuity, the Baptist Record, Department of Negro Work, and the Baptist Foundation.

#### Conference Period

A 40-minute simultaneous conference period is also scheduled, including emphasis on Sunday School, Training Union, Brotherhood, W. M. U., Music, church treasurers and financial secretaries, and Cooperative Missions.

Audio-visual aids will be used in various phases of the program.

These conferences are held each year in the interest of stewardship and missions and are sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Next week's schedule follows: January 25, First Church, Tupelo; 26, First, Starkville; 28, First, Batesville; 29, First, Indianola.

## Board To Send Editor, Wife To BWA In Rio

Dr. Joe T. Odle, editor of the Baptist Record, and Mrs. Odle, will go to the Baptist World Alliance in Rio as a result of action by the Executive Committee of the State Convention Board last week.

The Committee voted to send the editor and Mrs. Odle to the Tenth Congress of the Alliance which will meet at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, June 26-July 3.

The Convention Board had previously voted to send Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer, and Mrs. Quarles.

## Arizona Mobilizes For Tucson Survey

TUCSON, Ariz. — (BP)—Three thousand Southern Baptist surveyors will participate in a planned community survey of the entire city of Tucson Feb. 13.

Carloads of teenagers and adults from adjoining Baptist associations of Gila Valley, Cochise, and Central will assist

the 24 churches of Tucson in the survey. Students from Grand Canyon College, Phoenix, of the Life Service Band, plan to drive 125 miles to Tucson to help.

"This is the first time an entire state has mobilized to survey a complete city to get permanent family records and pinpoint mission needs," said Billy Hargrove, Atlanta, secretary of the department of survey of the Home Mission Board.

Permanent records on every family in the city will show family composition, church preference, length of time of residence, and their church activity according to Hargrove.

Once a means for locating prospects for individual churches, the survey has been developed by Southern Baptists for making total city and community

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## Pollard Called To Bellevue

Dr. Ramsey Pollard, pastor of Broadway Baptist Church in Knoxville, and president of the Southern Baptist Convention, Sunday was issued a call by Bellevue Church in Memphis to become its pastor.

If he accepts, he would succeed Dr. R. G. Lee, who recently resigned.

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GOVERNOR ROSS R. BARNETT

### An Editorial

On Tuesday of this week a Baptist deacon and Sunday school teacher became the governor of the state of Mississippi. On that day, standing on the steps of the state capitol in Jackson, Mr. Ross R. Barnett took the oath of office which made him the 53rd governor of our state.

Spending his youth in a rural community in Leake County, Governor Barnett accepted Christ as his Saviour during his boyhood days and was baptized into the membership of the Standing Pine Baptist Church. For many years he has resided in Jackson, and has long been an active member of First Baptist Church.

Governor Barnett succeeds another Baptist deacon, Ex-governor James P. Coleman, who has filled the executive office for the past four years.

It is gratifying that Christian men are often chosen for high office in this land of ours. There are many areas of the world today where those in authority are opposed to both Christians and the Church. We can lift our hearts in thanksgiving to God that we live in a land of religious freedom, where men who worship God and are devoted to His Church may be elected to places of authority.

The Bible has a clear command to all Christians in their relationship to their government officials. In First Timothy 2:1-3 Paul says, "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, intercessions and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority: that we may live a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour."

Every Baptist, yes, every Christian, in Mississippi should pray for Governor Barnett as he carries the responsibilities which are now upon him. Enormous are the problems of this hour, and weighty are the decisions which will rest upon his shoulders. The wisdom and guidance of God must be his as he directs the affairs of our state during the next four years. We are sure that he has already faced this need and has already sought for wisdom and strength from above, but we are confident that it would mean much to him to know that hundreds of thousands of Christians in Mississippi are joining him in these supplications to God.

Our prayers should include not only the governor, but also all others holding public office, whether local, state or national. If there has ever been a time when the whole world needs the direction of God it is now.

Governor Barnett and other government leaders have many needs as they carry the responsibilities of their offices.

Perhaps the greatest of these is prayer. All of us who are Christians can give them that support.

## HERE IS ONE REVIVAL THAT WILL LONG BE REMEMBERED

MONTIVIDEO, Uruguay — (BWA)—A newly-ordained pastor who held his first revival meeting during a special evangelistic effort in Paraguay, probably will never forget the occasion.

First of all, it was a good meeting; there were 24 professions of faith in a congregation which has only 35 members.

In addition, however, the pastor will remember that during the week he lost his suitcase, got stuck in the mud, and caught the mumps.

All together, the 13 churches which participated in a simultaneous crusade recorded 230 professions of faith — equal to almost half their combined membership of 515.

## Layman's Institute Is Convened At Miami, Fla.

### JANUARY IS 'MAKE YOUR WILL' MONTH

By Harry Lee Spencer,  
Executive Secretary  
Miss. Baptist Foundation

The only state to ever adopt the old English laws known as the "statutes of mortmain," meaning "dead hand," was our own Mississippi. I discovered this back in the early thirties in writing a thesis for the seminary on the "Legal Aspects of American Christianity." This law was in effect until 1940 when it was changed and made to conform to the laws of all the other states.

Only since 1940 could anyone leave money or property in a will to any sort of religious body or institution.

#### Phase of Stewardship

During these 20 years not near enough emphasis has been given to this phase of stewardship, for it is a phase of Chris-

tian stewardship. We are accountable for what we give, for what we keep, and for what we leave. Therefore, by means of a will we can direct all or a part of our estates to the end of time and thereby practice complete stewardship.

"Your will is a legal instrument—it should be drawn by a competent attorney and properly executed." It should be done today, because "When you need a will it is too late to make one."

#### Well Qualified

The Baptist Foundation is qualified to give you all the assistance needed. We have one of the best attorneys in our state. If you have not already prepared your will, call on us; let us help you. If you are not sure your will is properly drawn, we can help you get it corrected.

## SPECIAL ATTENTION CALLED ROYAL SERVICE SUBSCRIBERS

The March issue of Royal Service had a pretty cover but the colored inks on it combined to give it a finish to which the name and address labels are not adhering well.

If your copy is not delivered within the next two weeks, we shall appreciate your help. (An immediate inquiry at your post office may be all that is needed.) If not there, please send a card to Woman's Missionary

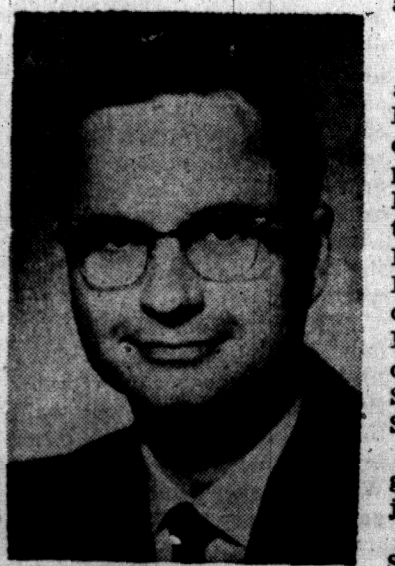
Union, 600 North 20th Street, Birmingham 3, Alabama, simply saying "I did not receive the March issue of Royal Service" and sign your name and full address.

We shall do everything possible to get a copy to every subscriber. Do not delay in sending your card. Remember this is the Home Mission Week of Prayer issue.—Alma Hunt, Executive Secretary.

## State VBS Clinic Set For Camp Garaywa July 1-3

The annual state Vacation Bible School Clinic will be held February 1-3 at Camp Garaywa, it has been announced by Bryant M. Cummings, state Sunday School secretary, who will direct the event.

Those to attend will include



Bob Patterson

associational superintendents of Vacation Bible School work, associational Sunday School Superintendents, associational missionaries and other interested workers including teams from associations that are to return and conduct associational clinics.

#### Out-of-State Personalities

Out-of-state program personalities to appear will include Bob Patterson, superintendent of Vacation Bible School Expansion, Sunday School Board, Nashville; Roy Carter, representative, Weber-Costello, Chicago Heights, Illinois; John McLaughlin, associate, Texas Sunday School Department; and Mrs. Myra Motley, associate and director of Vacation Bible School Work, North Carolina Sunday School Department.

The Clinic is scheduled to begin at 2 o'clock Monday and adjourn at Noon Wednesday.

Every phase of Vacation Bible School work will be discussed (Continued on Page 2)

MIAMI, Fla. — (BP) — Some of the nation's most prominent business and professional leaders gathered here for a unique religious conference.

A total of 650 persons attended the by-invitation-only, four-day program of the fifth Layman's Leadership Institute.

The interdenominational session is the only laity meeting in the country where there is no membership, no formal organization, no officers, no solicitation of funds or offerings, and no names are placed on special interest mailing lists. The aim is just to strengthen the spiritual life of men who influence the policies of the nation in business and politics, according to Leonard L. Holloway, Corpus Christi, Tex., Baptist layman serving as coordinator for the institute.

#### 17 Conferences

Various laymen conducted 17 conference discussions on such topics as Christianity and personnel relationships, Christianity and business ethics, and Christianity and family life.

There also were daily Bible studies and featured speakers, including evangelist Billy Graham who closed the institute.

Speakers and conference leaders included such politicians as U. S. Sen. Stuart Symington, an Episcopal layman from Missouri and a presidential aspirant; Florida's Gov. LeRoy Collins, another Episcopal layman who is considered a likely candidate for vice-president on the Democratic ticket; and John Cordle, an Anglican layman who is a member of the British parliament.

#### Butt, Jarman Speak

Business leaders who spoke included Maxey Jarman, Nashville, Tenn., a Baptist who heads Genesco, a shoe firm.

Other businessmen on the program were Howard Butt, the Texas grocer who is one of the founders of the institute and a Baptist layman; and James T. Karam, a Little Rock clothier whose conversion after having led in the race riots in his city attracted wide attention in the state of Arkansas.

Professional men who led included Fred Smith, a management consultant and Baptist layman from Cincinnati, Ohio.

Clergymen who took part included Duke K. McCall, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., where the institute originated and was held until this year.

## Andrew Allen, Texas SS Leader, Dies

DALLAS — (BP) — Andrew Allen, Sunday school secretary for the Baptist General Convention of Texas for the past 11 years, died in a Dallas hospital Thursday after a long illness.

Funeral services were conducted by Harold Basden, pastor, at Gaston Avenue Baptist Church in Dallas, Saturday (Continued on Page 2)



## Southern Baptists Sponsor Hymn Writing Contest

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BSSB)—The Church Music Department, Baptist Sunday School Board is sponsoring a six months' hymn writing competition. Announcement was made by W. Hines Sims, department secretary.

The purpose of the competition is to encourage and stimulate the practice of creative hymn writing among Southern Baptists. It is open to all members of the denomination, and manuscripts will be accepted during the period April 1-September 30, 1960.

The first place winner will receive \$200 and second place award of \$100 will be offered to the writer of the hymn which, in judges' opinion, is most expressive of spiritual purpose on the deepest level and in terms of a desire to know Christ or to serve Him in the power of His Spirit. Eight honorable mention awards of \$25 each will also be given.

Printed folders with further information about the hymn writing competition may be secured by writing: Hymn Writing Competition, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville 3, Tenn.

## Tax Proposal - - -

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which exempts them from the 52 per cent corporate income tax?

Should churches take the initiative in approaching local tax officials to develop a system whereby they would start to pay real estate taxes?

Dr. Blake wrote he was raising the questions in order to preserve the churches' freedom and autonomy as provided under the Church-State separation principle in the U. S. Constitution.

## Arizona - - -

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nity, and even state-wide surveys.

### Fifteen Churches Needed

One of the most rapidly growing cities in America, Tucson is expected to more than double its 242,000 population to a half million in the next 10 years.

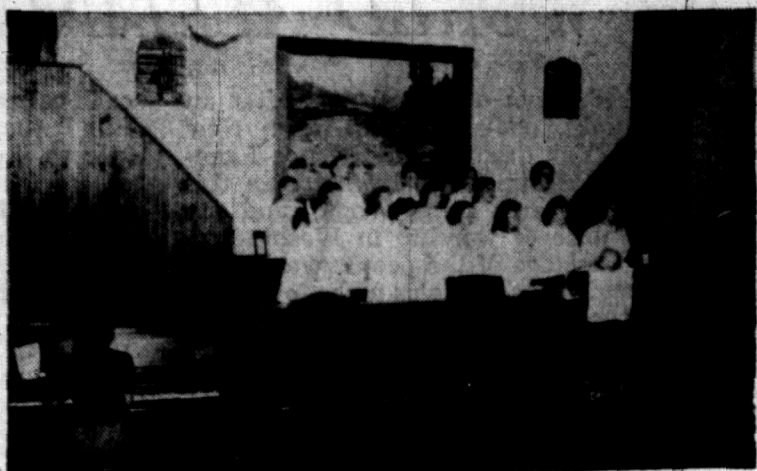
Fifteen more churches are needed in the city right now to reach "the Southern Baptist Convention norm of one Southern Baptist church for every 7,000 people in a city," according to Edmund W. Hunke, Phoenix, associate executive secretary and superintendent of missions for Arizona.

Southern Baptist churches in Tucson and their membership are four times greater than 10 years ago, and offerings are five times greater, Hunke said. The survey will draw leaders of the Baptist General Convention of Arizona, Executive Secretary Charles McKay and his entire staff from Phoenix will stay in Tucson for a week assisting the churches. Seven associational and city missionaries will be there, along with members of the city missions department of the Home Mission Board and Hargrove, who will direct the survey.

Hargrove said that the survey is taking the trend toward complete city and state surveys. Florida is now planning the first state-wide survey for February of 1961 as a part of the Southern Baptist movement to start 30,000 new churches and missions by 1964.



DWAYNE B. ZIMMER, Minister of Education at Northside Church, Jackson, has resigned in order to serve in a similar capacity at Ardmore Church, Winston-Salem, North Carolina. The resignation will become effective February 1.



GREENS CREEK Church, Rt. 5, Hattiesburg (Lebanon Assn.) has recently organized a Youth Choir of Intermediates, Juniors and Primaries. Robert Powell, S. S. Supt., is the director and Mrs. B. R. Rainey is the pianist. Rev. Q. C. Barrett is pastor. The Choir is pictured above.



SOME of the Mississippians who attended the annual convention of the Association of American Colleges in Boston last week, are left to right: Dr. Wilfred C. Tyler, President-Elect of Blue Mountain College; Dr. George Duke Humphrey, President of the Association; and President Lawrence T. Lowrey of Blue Mountain College.

## DR. HUMPHREYS SOURCE OF PRIDE AT BLUE MOUNTAIN

Mississippi's Blue Mountain College is soon to close the eighty-seventh year of its illustrious history. During this time almost 3,000 young women have secured their degrees from the College.

At the annual convention of the Association of American Colleges, held in Boston January 11-14, the president was Dr. George Duke Humphrey of Mississippi, the third man ever to graduate from Blue Mountain College. He received his degree at the close of the fifty-sixth year of the College's history.

President Lawrence T. Lowrey, who had just become Blue Mountain's president, after teaching in several of the nation's most outstanding colleges and universities, was pleased to present a diploma carrying the bachelor of arts degree at the end of the four years of Humphrey's office as Supt. of Education in Tippah County. Humphrey had completed a small amount of college work before he became County Superintendent, and in four years and four summers, taking courses as he was able, he finished the requirements for the bachelor's degree.

Humphrey then secured the master's degree from the University of Chicago and the degree of doctor of philosophy from Ohio State University. Within five years after graduation from Blue Mountain College, he became president of State College, now Mississippi State University. After eleven years of service there, he accepted the presidency of the

University of Wyoming which position he still holds.

Dr. Lowrey, whose recently announced retirement will occur May 31, will be succeeded by President-Elect Wilfred C. Tyler, who will assume the duties of office on June 1. Both attended the annual convention of the AAC in Boston through most of the week which has just closed. Shortly before their departure, a photographer from the Boston Herald came to the Statler Hotel, convention headquarters, and took this accompanying picture of Dr. Humphrey, Dr. Lowrey, and Dr. Tyler.

## A Heart Warming -

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Pastor John Soren stepped to the pulpit and read the scripture. His text was Ephesians 4:5, 6. I think I would have guessed it from the rhythm of his Portuguese phrases even had I not known it was Baptist World Alliance Sunday. "One Lord, one faith, one baptism," the English words ran through my mind as he read the Portuguese. "One God and Father of all, who is above all, and thru all, and in you all."

Saw Some Fidgeting  
Like most eight-year-old boys the world over, my seat mate found the sermon a signal to fidget. And realizing by now that I was a foreigner, he wanted to share some of his church life with me. He pulled from beneath his Bible a Sunday school quarterly, printed in Portuguese by Brazilian Baptists. His boyish fingers turned its pages, pointing to Bible story pictures he thought I would like.

The pastor called deacons to the front for observance of the Lord's Supper. One led in prayer, and the elements were passed among the congregation. "For as often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come."

### Services Soon Over

All too soon the service was over. Pastor Soren raised his arms and the congregation arose. "Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love," they sang. Then, unlike any service I could remember, each worshiper again took his seat for a moment of individual prayer and dedication. And quietly each arose as he finished his prayer, and went out into the busy streets of one of the world's great cities.

That experience was mine, only a year ago. It enriched my life. I tell it now because I know Baptists everywhere will want to remember these and all other fellow-believers when Baptist World Alliance Sunday comes again February 7, 1960.

Thousands of Baptists from perhaps a hundred countries

# Baptist Western Union Briefs

NASHVILLE — (BP) — The executive committee of the Southern Convention's Christian Life Commission elected here a committee to nominate a new executive secretary. The nominee would succeed Dr. A. C. Miller who is retiring.

COLUMBIA, S. C. — (BP) — Implementing action at the annual convention last fall, the executive board of South Carolina Baptist Convention voted here to spend about \$100,000 for a 2-acre site for a new Baptist building. It will be near the governor's mansion and almost a mile from the present building. Construction will begin in two or three years.

PORTLAND, Ore. — (BP) — The financial aid of William Fleming will enable the Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington to employ an area missionary for British Columbia, on Canada's Pacific coast. The convention executive board has called Austin Hunt, a former Washington state and British Columbia pastor, studying at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

WACO, Tex. (EP)—Baylor University Press announces publication of the semi-annual *A Journal of Church and State*. The new publication, first of its kind in America, will feature the work of scholars from educational institutions representing various religious groups, and will be primarily concerned with the principle of separation of church and state, according to Baylor Press officials.

CHALKIS, Greece — (BKA) — A 45-day prison sentence has been imposed on Rev. Spiros Zodiatis, an ordained Baptist minister, for using the title "Reverend" before his name in articles for Greek gospel publications. The sentence was imposed by the (lower) criminal court of Chalkis.

WASHINGTON — (BP) — Extension of the special milk program for children has been proposed by Rep. Earl Hogan (D., Ind.) and Rep. Gracie Frost (D., Idaho) in an amendment that would increase the federal funds from \$85 million to \$90 million for the fiscal years 1960 and 1961. A similar bill has been introduced in the Senate by Sens. Hubert H. Humphrey (D., Minn.) and Eugene J. McCarthy (D., Minn.).

## Minton To Direct Writer's Meet

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BSSB) — Donald W. Minton, editor of Family Life Curriculum in the Baptist Sunday School Board's Home Education Department, will direct a family worship writer's conference in Nashville, January 21.

Meeting at the Board, the conference will seek to outline curriculum materials for *Home Life*, Christian family magazine with a monthly circulation of over 850,000.

Denominational leaders, Christian homemakers and religious writers from seven Southern Baptist Convention states will participate in the conference.

will be making a similar journey to Rio in June for the tenth Baptist World Congress. May we go prayerfully and with humble dedicated hearts. These are the spiritually minded people we will meet. There are the people who are hosts this year to the Baptists of the world.



AT FIRST CHURCH, WATER VALLEY four men have been elected recently as deacons, under the rotation system which the church has used for 24 years. Left to right, above, are Dr. C. C. Stacy, Tom Edwards, Kyle Skinner, Earnie Aune, deacons; and Rev. W. C. Howard, pastor. In 1959, the 99-year old church completed an educational unit that provides for 466; the church used the Forward Program of Church Finance to great success. On Soul Winning Commitment Day, 125 committed themselves to seek to win at least one lost person to Christ this year. The pastor reports that the best spirit of fellowship the church has ever known now prevails and that attendance at all services is at an all-time high.

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BOX 530 JACKSON MISS—

I WILL BE GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS TO GET THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE IN NEXT WEEK'S ISSUE OF YOUR PAPER:

A STORY ON SOUTHERN BAPTISTS IS BEING PREPARED FOR PRESENTATION IN A MARCH ISSUE OF LIFE MAGAZINE. INFORMATION IS NEEDED ON (1) FIRST WORSHIP SERVICES OF NEW MISSIONS (2) THE FORMAL CONSTITUTING OF CHURCHES, AND (3) DEDICATION SERVICES OF CHURCHES MOVING INTO THEIR FIRST BUILDINGS—WHICH OCCUR DURING THE PERIOD JANUARY 24 THROUGH 31, 1960.

ALL CHURCHES OR MISSIONS HAVING SUCH EVENTS DURING THE STATED PERIOD ARE ASKED TO NOTIFY (AS TO WHAT, WHERE, WHO, AND WHEN) DR. W. C. FIELDS, PUBLIC RELATIONS, SECRETARY, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION, 127 NINTH AVE NO., NASHVILLE 3 TENN.

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## Ohio Nearing Time For Representation

COLUMBUS, Ohio — (BP)—Southern Baptists in Ohio are nearing the point where they will be eligible to have members elected to Southern Baptist Convention agencies.

They have reached this year about 29,000 members of their co-operating churches. A minimum 25,000 is required by the SBC constitution for a state to have agency members. They will apply this year for the right to have representatives elected at the 1961 session of the Southern Baptist Convention.

After the state has been certified for eligibility, it is recognized by the Convention, and the Convention's Committee on Boards nominates (for Convention election) members representing the state on the boards,

commissions and committees where the charters allow.

### Followed Kansas

If Ohio gains board members in 1961 as expected, it will be second convention in three years to do so. Kansas Convention of Southern Baptists was recognized in 1959 as having reached 25,000 and Kansans were elected to SBC agencies.

There are 200 churches in Ohio, western Pennsylvania, western New York state, and West Virginia affiliated with the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio. Convention offices are in Columbus.

Indiana is expected to follow Ohio by a year or two. Its membership of affiliated churches exceeds 22,000 already.

## 1,016 Saved In Chilean Revivals

"The most successful campaign in my 36-year ministry," said one pastor of the simultaneous revivals held in three southern districts of Chile. The 47 participating Baptist churches and missions reported 1,016 professions of faith, plus numerous reconsecrations of life and decisions for special Christian service.

Directed by about 30 Chilean pastors, lay evangelists, and Southern Baptist missionaries, the campaign climaxed the Year of Evangelism in the participating associations. Blessings reported, other than the decisions, were strengthened congregations, revitalized witness, and greater vision in the churches.

Many of the converts were baptized simultaneously on Christmas Day in various lakes and streams of south Chile, making it likely that the Chilean Baptist Convention reached or went beyond its goal of 1,000 baptisms in 1959, one for each seven members.

This crusade represents the most extensive use Chilean Baptists have yet made of the simultaneous revival plan, reports Missionary Joe T. Poe, who with Missionary Hubert L. Hardy, Jr., and national Baptist leaders guided the months-long preparation by churches and associations. Co-operation from the press and radio gave added strength and helped make this the most successful united evangelistic effort in Chile in many years, he says.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M. — (BP)—New Mexico Baptists will reopen their Park View Medical Station in a remote section of the state 80 miles north of Santa Fe.

WASHINGTON — (BP) — A National Peace Agency "to deal with problems related to achieving peace" has been proposed by Rep. Charles E. Bennett (D., Fla.) in the House of Representatives.



Tommy Davis, Jr.

## Accepts Position At McComb, 1st

Tommy Davis, Jr. has resigned as Minister of Music and Education at Van Winkle Church, Jackson, to accept the same position at First Church, McComb, to become effective Feb. 1.

A native of Shreveport, La., Mr. Davis attended Centenary College at Shreveport and received the Bachelor of Music degree from OBU. He also attended Southwestern Seminary.

Mrs. Davis, the former Betty Frances Jones, is a graduate of Baylor. The couple have three boys, Stephen Ray, 7; David Wayne, 2½; and Thomas Paul, 3 months.

Mr. Davis began his work at Van Winkle on April 15, 1954, while the church was meeting in a tent following a fire that destroyed the auditorium.

Under his leadership new equipment has been built up and this past December new choir robes were bought. Last year the church began using the Baptist Hymnal. An officers' and teachers' regular meeting was begun in 1954; the church now has a fully graded Sunday School with 23 departments and seven nursery departments; there is a fully graded choir program and a planned visitation program; Van Winkle was Honor Church for the past two years; an educational secretary has been employed; the Sunday School enrollment has grown from 823 in 1954 to 1231 at present and the Training Union from 330 in 1954 to 622 now.

Under Mrs. Davis' leadership the auxiliaries were correlated with the Saturday morning choir program. One Sunbeam and one G. A. have increased to a much larger number. (The Sunbeams are now one of the largest in the state).

Dr. Davis has been Vice-President of the Miss. Baptist Religious Education Association; Vice-President of the Hinds County Ministers of Education Association; and an officer in the Hinds County Music Association.

Rev. Herman Milner is pastor of the Van Winkle Church.

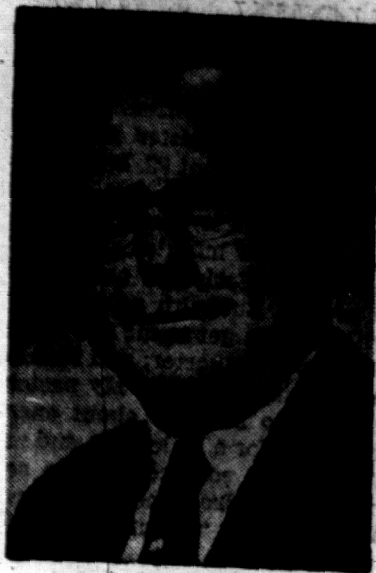


WILLIAM E. JARVIS, Minister of Music at Northside Church, Jackson, has resigned, effective January 27, in order to serve as Minister of Music at Pendleton Street Baptist Church, Greenville, South Carolina. Pendleton Street Church is the second in Greenville, a city with 65 churches, to hire a full-time Minister of Music.

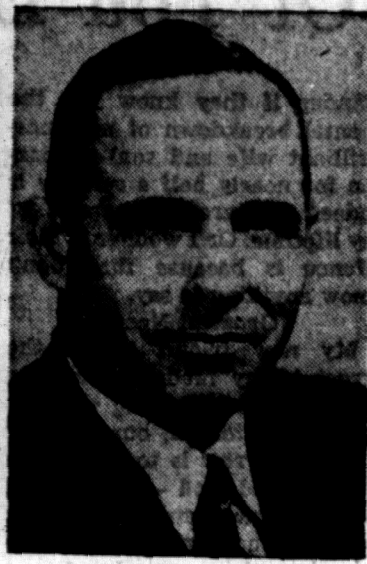
## POAU Opens Chicago Office

CHICAGO, Ill. (EP)—Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State (POAU) opened an office in Chicago, Jan. 1. Director of POAU's newest branch office is the Rev. James M. Windham, pastor of the First Baptist Church, of Maryville, Tenn. Windham is a member of the executive committee of the Southern Baptist Convention and has served on the POAU national advisory council for more than 10 years.





REV. HOWARD AULTMAN  
Speaker



DR. LEROY E. GREEN  
Speaker



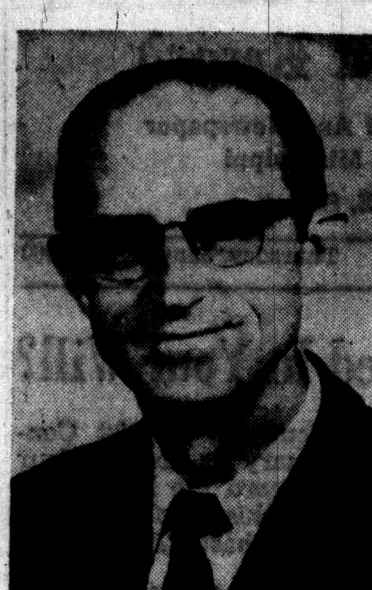
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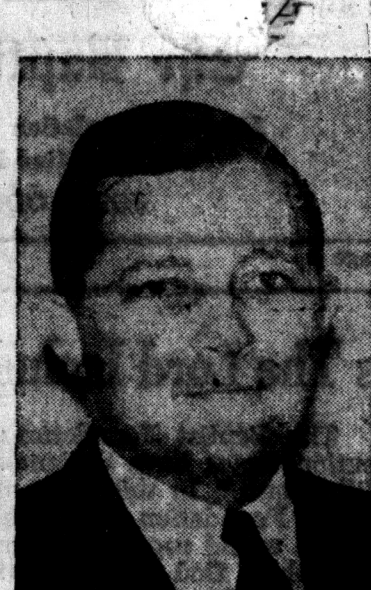
DR. EARL KELLY  
Speaker



DR. CHESTER L. QUARLES  
Speaker



REV. GORDON SANSING  
Director



DR. D. LEWIS WHITE  
Host Pastor

## Names In The News

Rev. W. E. Callahan, pastor of First Church, Ponchatoula, La., was guest speaker at the recent meeting of the Lebanon Association Pastors' Conference, held at 19th Avenue Church, Hattiesburg.

George Henry Mikell who has established a reputation as one of the outstanding chalk artists in America, has assumed duties as production supervisor in the Baptist Sunday School Board's Audio Visual Aids Department, Nashville.

Lloyd E. Barnes will become one of two superintendents of audio-visual aids in the Sunday School Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, early in 1960.

Dr. Davis C. Hill, manager of the Baptist Book Store of Louisville, Ky., since 1955 has been named financial analyst in the Merchandising and Sales Division office of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, effective Feb. 16.

Paul M. Stevens, Fort Worth, Tex., director of the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, has received the 1960 religious journalism award presented at Oklahoma Baptist University here.

Dr. R. C. McGlamery, former medical missionary in Columbia, South America now living in Ripley, was the speaker at the Brotherhood meeting January 19 at First Church, Columbus, Dr. S. R. Woodson, pastor.

Rev. Bill Causey observed his third anniversary as pastor of Poplar Springs Drive Church, Meridian, on January 17.

Rev. Judd Allen, pastor of Center Terrace Church, Canton, was the teacher of "Studies In Timothy" for the adults January 11-13 at First Church Carthage. Rev. James Fortenberry, of Walnut Grove, was the teacher for the young people. Rev. Oster R. Daniels is pastor.

Rev. Reed Dickens has accepted the pastorate of Cowart Church in Tallahatchie Association. He was pastor of a church in Attala County.

Dr. J. W. Watts, professor at New Orleans Seminary, was the teacher during Bible Study Week, January 11-15 of the Book of Genesis at First Church, Amory. Rev. Dan Morton, pastor.

Rev. Tommy Davis, pastor of Sturgis Church in Oktibbeha Association, has resigned to accept the pastorate of First Church, Hamilton, Ala.

Dr. Charles A. McGinn, professor of speech at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., was ordained as a Gospel minister at the Lyndon Church, Lyndon, Ky., on Nov. 25.

Walter D. Draughon, Jr., professor of religious education at Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Fla., was graduated with the Doctor of Religious Education degree from Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, on Jan. 15. He was formerly student at Mississippi College.

Mrs. Anne McWilliams, Editorial Assistant of the Baptist Record has an article entitled "Cleanliness is Godliness" in the January-March issue of the devotional quarterly, Home published by the American Baptist Publication Society.

Dr. Lawrence T. Lowrey, President of Blue Mountain College, and Dr. Wilfred C. Tyler, President-Elect, flew to Boston, Mass. on Sunday, Jan. 10, to attend the annual meeting of the American Association of Colleges, in session during the week, Jan. 11-16. The Association will be presided over by its President, Dr. Duke Humphrey, fourth man graduate of Blue Mountain College, who is now president of the University of Wyoming, and former President of Mississippi State University.

Dr. Ira D. Eavenson, former pastor at Marks, has been called as interim pastor at First Church, Tutwiler. He taught "Studies in Timothy" there January 11-14.

Linda Gay Lewis, Gloster, a freshman at Blue Mountain College, has been elected to serve as Freshman Representative on the Executive Baptist Student Union Council for 1960.

Rev. W. A. (Slick) Green has retired and moved to Natchez. He was pastor at Roxie for the past several years.

Rev. and Mrs. A. Jackson Glaze, Jr., Southern Baptist missionaries to Argentina who are now in the States on furlough, have moved from Pelahatchie, Miss., to Louisville, Ky., where their address is Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, 6. Mr. Glaze, a native of D'Lo, Miss., will do graduate work at the seminary.

Frank Horton, former Baptist Student Union Director at Mississippi College, is now serving as BSU Director at Texas Christian University while studying at the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

Dr. Edward H. Pruden, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., will deliver the address on World Christian Fellowship when The Upper Room celebrates its 25th Anniversary on January 29 in Richmond, Virginia.

Rev. Mack R. Douglas, former Mississippian who is now pastor of Tower Grove Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo., is one of the principal speakers for the annual Texas Baptist Evangelism Conference held at Ft. Worth, Jan. 18-20.

Rev. Bob Martin, pastor of First Church, Greenville, Kentucky, has resigned to accept the pastorate of the First Church, Naples, Florida. Mrs. Martin is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Overton of Jackson.

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### ROYAL AMBASSADORS TO ATTEND CONGRESS

Royal Ambassadors from chapters all over the state will convene for the Congress in three cities — March 24, First Baptist Church, Pontotoc; March 25, First Baptist Church, Vicksburg; and March 26, Second Avenue Baptist Church, Laurel. The boys will attend the Congress nearest them or the one which they prefer.

The program will be the same at each city. For the most part local personalities will be used on the program for song service, special music, devotional periods, and demonstrations. The guest speakers will be the same at each city. These speakers include Dr.

Chester Quarles, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; Rev. Thomas N. Clinkscales, Southern Baptist missionary to South Brazil; and Frank Black, associate Royal Ambassador secretary of the Brotherhood Commission.

Registration will begin at 1:00 p. m., each day with the afternoon session beginning at 2:30 p. m. The evening session will begin at 7:00 p. m.

The cost of the Congress will be \$1.00 per person attending. This includes registration fee and a picnic lunch for supper. Every chapter and church is urged to be represented at the Congress nearest you. Make your plans to attend.

## State Leaders Appear At Natchez Conference

A service of dedication led by Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer, will be the closing highlight of the annual State Evangelistic Conference to be held February 8-10 in Natchez.

The two evening sessions on Monday and Tuesday will be held in the City Auditorium with the day sessions to be held at the First Baptist Church.

The Conference theme will be "Evangelistic Awareness Among Baptists."

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 7:00 Monday evening with Dr. D. Lewis White, pastor of the host church, bringing the welcome address.

Mrs. O. M. Jones, manager of Jackson's Baptist Book Store, will bring a message on "Books and Evangelism," after which Rev. L. Gordon Sansing, associate executive secretary, who will direct the meeting, will give the theme and purpose of the Conference.

### Autrey To Speak

Dr. C. E. Autrey, secretary of the Department of Evangelism in Old and New Testament Times.

"Evangelistic Preaching Brings Evangelistic Awareness" is the subject of the message to be brought by Dr. Ramsey Pollard, president of the Southern Baptist Convention and pastor of the Broadway Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tenn.

Tuesday morning's session will feature an address entitled "Making Soul Winners" by Dr. H. Leo Eddleman, president of New Orleans Seminary.

Dr. Earl Kelly, pastor of First Church, Holly Springs, will speak on the subject "Look On The Fields," with Dr. Pollard to speak on "The Soul-Winning Pastor," and Dr. Autrey on "Enlisting and Developing New Members."

## Revival Results

Jackson Elaine: January 10-16; Rev. H. C. Davis, pastor and evangelist; Clyde L. Caraway, music leader; 3 professions of faith; six additions by letter; 13 rededications; one surrendering to full-time church-related vocation.

Panel Discussion Set  
Dr. J. Clark Hensley, Hinds County superintendent of missions, will speak on "The Association in Action" at the Tuesday afternoon session.

Following a panel discussion on "A Program of Evangelism," Dr. Pollard will bring a message on "Soul Winning Around The World."

Tuesday night's keynote address will be brought by Dr. Eddleman on "The Urgency of the Hour," with Dr. Quarles and Dr. Pollard speaking on "The Union of the Spirit" and "If You Will—I Will," respectively.

On Wednesday morning the dedication period, led by Dr. Quarles, will follow soul-winning messages to be brought by Dr. Leroy E. Green, pastor of First Church, Prentiss; Rev. Howard Aultman, pastor of First Church, Columbia, and Dr. Eddleman.

The theme for each session follows: Monday night—"Evangelistic Awareness—Historical and Present," Tuesday morning—"Evangelistic Awareness—Expressed," Tuesday afternoon—"Evangelistic Awareness—In

## Perry County Holds First S. S. Clinic

Representatives from the Sunday Schools of Perry Association met at Beaumont Church January 11 for their first Bible teaching clinic.

Joseph Haynes and Tom Douglas of the State Sunday School Department were in charge of the promotion and planning of the Sunday School clinic, aided by the department superintendents of the association.

Fifteen of seventeen churches were represented, with 98 officers and teachers present. There were 10 pastors and 15 Sunday School Superintendents at the meeting.

Leading department conferences were Mrs. James Parker,

the Harvest Field," Tuesday night—"Evangelistic Awareness—Power Unlimited," and Wednesday morning—"Evangelistic Awareness—Results."

To Adjourn Wednesday  
Adjournment is set for 11:15 Wednesday morning.

Arrangements for all the music have been made by W. C. Morgan, secretary of the Music Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

The record of the top churches in number of baptisms in 1959 will be released at the Conference.

Pastors and local and associational evangelism leaders from all sections of the state are urged to make reservations now for this very informative and inspirational Conference.

The Conference is sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

## Warren Attends First Meeting After Illness

ATLANTA, Ga. — (BP) — C. C. Warren of Charlotte, N. C., director of Southern Baptists' movement to start 30,000 missions and churches, attended his first meeting since he was stricken by a heart attack last year.

Speaking only briefly to the annual conference of state superintendents of missions at the Home Mission Board, Warren said, "I don't have the slightest doubt that Southern Baptists can organize 10,000 churches and 20,000 missions by 1964. The outlook was never so bright."

Mrs. Joe Arledge, Mrs. C. B. Martin, Miss Carolyn Madison, Tom Douglas, Mrs. Edwin Madison, Joseph Haynes, Harold St. Gemme, and Mrs. J. T. Murry.

Rev. Rayford F. Moore is the Perry Association Sunday School Superintendent.

## Quarles' Quotes

By The  
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

World Missions Conferences  
The World Missions Conferences are proving to be an outstanding success this year. More than 250 men gathered in Jackson for the first and there was a fine group of women as well. In Hinds Association the Brotherhood associational organization sponsored the meeting.

On Monday night at the Poplar Springs Drive Church in Meridian more than 300 individuals were present. The meeting was carried out in a wonderful way—started on time, ran on time, and closed on time. The supper meeting with the leadership of the Gulfshore Baptist Assembly Campaign under the direction of Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, Campaign Director, was an outstanding success. We are greatly encouraged about the possibilities of success in the campaign.

Schedule  
On Thursday night, February 21, a World Missions Conference will be held in First Baptist Church of Gulfport and Friday night at First Church, Brookhaven. Other Conferences scheduled are January 25, First Church Tupelo; Jan. 26, First Church, Starkville; January 28, First Church, Batesville; January 29, First Church, Indianola. We urge all Baptists everywhere to attend these outstanding meetings that begin at 7 P. M. each meeting. Plans for the future in all of our work are being projected.

Sadness  
It was the sad experience of the Executive Secretary to attend and participate in the funeral of Mrs. Wilbern Lawrence of Meridian on last Monday. Her husband, Dr. Wilbern Lawrence, has served on the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and also the Executive Committee of the Board for several years. At present he is not a member of the Board. The service that was held at 11 A. M. last Monday was under the direction of Rev. Bill Causey of the Poplar Springs Drive Church and also Rev. W. B. Abel now of Noxapater and formerly pastor of the Poplar

Springs Drive Church. It was a very comforting, Christian burial. I have never heard more gospel put into a funeral sermon than was presented by Pastor Causey.

Protection  
Southern Baptists have a number of Protection or Retirement Plans. W. R. Roberts for a little more than one year has been giving promotion to these plans. He has proven to be one of the most effective field workers in this area of work in all of the Southern Baptist Convention. Only Texas was able to secure more new members for the Southern Baptist Protection Plan for 1959 than Mississippi. The record is as follows:

Alabama	70
Arkansas	30
Florida	54
Georgia	96
Illinois	36
Kentucky	102
Louisiana	60
Mississippi	132
Missouri	125
North Carolina	100
Oklahoma	86
South Carolina	93
Tennessee	75
Texas	334
Virginia	55

B. W. A. Meeting  
Many Southern Baptists are making plans even now and others are just beginning to make those plans to attend the Baptist World Alliance in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil June 26-July 3. Most of these interested Baptists will tie in their attendance upon the Baptist World Congress in a tour of Southern Baptist missions in various countries of South America. This will be a most rewarding investment of time and money.

Forward Programs  
Pastors who have used the Forward Program of Church Finance more than one time are telling us that the oftener it is used the more successful it is. One pastor in Jackson who has used it four successive years states that by far this year was the most successful and the most rewarding for the church.

Several years ago an estimate was made that 85% of the money given to our Baptist churches is given by 15% of the membership. The Forward Program of Church Finance enables a church to reach more effectively that large group of approximately 85% of the membership who are giving only 15% of the churches' finances. As one great pastor said of his church, "We do not have a financial program in our church but we have a tremendous program that must be financed for the glory of God."

## Construction Begins For Air Force Chapel

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (RNS) — After much disagreement over design, the controversial chapel at the Air Force Academy north of here is at last scheduled for construction.

Robert E. McKee, general contractor of Santa Fe, N. M., was given the contract after a bid totaling \$3,385,136. Last March, the Department of the Air Force rejected five bids as being "far in excess of official estimates."

The lowest of these bids was \$3,831,781, compared with the original Air Force estimate of \$3 million.



AT CALVARY, TYLERTOWN, the ground breaking service for an education building was held January 3. Left to right: W. Q. Ard; Joseph Blackwell, Sunday School Superintendent; C. C. Purvis, Chairman of the Building Committee; and Rev. James C. Walker, pastor. The church was organized in 1955. The present membership is 115. The new addition, two-story, will include nine class rooms, a study, kitchen, and fellowship hall. The pastor, serving since August, finished New Orleans Seminary and graduated January 19, 1960. A native of Tuscaloosa, Ala., he served a church in Alabama before coming to Calvary.



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## Is The Lord Included In Your Will?

The Baptist Foundations of Southern Baptist Convention states have designated January as "Make Your Will Month." In this issue of the Record the Mississippi Baptist Foundation calls attention to this emphasis.

We would suggest a secondary emphasis. That would be "Include God in Your Will" Month.

The editor of the Western Recorder, Baptist journal in Kentucky, in an editorial in the current issue of his paper, calls attention to the fact that God gets little attention in most wills. We quote some of his words:

"In The Courier-Journal (Louisville newspaper) of July 19, 1959, these startling facts are revealed: Of 73 wills probated in Jefferson County with a total value of \$17,991,000, only five left any money to churches and only three left any money to schools. The total amount (out of the \$17,991,000) left to churches added up to \$7,000, plus some property; and that to schools totaled only \$25,000, plus some property.

On the basis of the study the writer of the Courier-Journal article concluded, "If you are a minister or a church trustee, you had better get the money from your parishioners while they are still alive. They have not shown any great willingness to leave money to their churches after their deaths."

The Western Recorder Editor mentions, however, one Louisvillian who left \$2,025,000 to the Louisville Presbyterian Seminary a few years ago. But this is the exception rather than the rule.

It is tragic that so many Baptist (and other Christian) people fail to remember the Lord's work in their wills. Think of how their influence and ministry for God could be perpetuated through gifts to their churches, to Baptist institutions or to the Baptist Foundation for investment and administration so that the income would go to the Lord's work until His return.

Do you have a will? Do you have the Lord in your will?

Every Baptist, rich or poor, should make a will, and, wherever possible, should remember to include the Lord's causes.

If you have a will made, but have not left any of your estate to the Lord's work, would it not be well to consider changing it or making an addition, leaving some of the possessions God has blessed you with, to your church or to some Baptist cause which you love? If you have not made a will, why not do so now?

The Baptist Foundation stands ready to counsel with you or assist you in any way in including the Lord in your will.

## Church Finance

Every church faces the problems of finance and the enlistment of the membership in the support of its program.

Southern Baptists have found an answer to these problems in the development of the Forward Program of Church Finance.

The Forward Program was developed at the instruction of the Southern Baptist Convention, and came as the result of a wide demand for such a program from pastors and churches all over the Convention territory.

The Program was developed from finance plans already being successfully used by many churches large and small.

It is fully Scriptural, being based entirely upon the New Testament plan of church support through the tithes and offerings of the people.

This is an every member program, with the purpose of teaching and enlisting the very last member of the church.

It is not a high pressure program, but leads each member to make his own decision concerning his stewardship under the direction of the Holy Spirit.

It is a tested program, having already been used in thousands of churches and bringing rich spiritual blessings everywhere.

In this issue of the Record we present a report on the use and effectiveness of the Forward Program in some of our Mississippi churches last year.

We hope that many more churches will consider using it next year.

## GUEST EDITORIAL

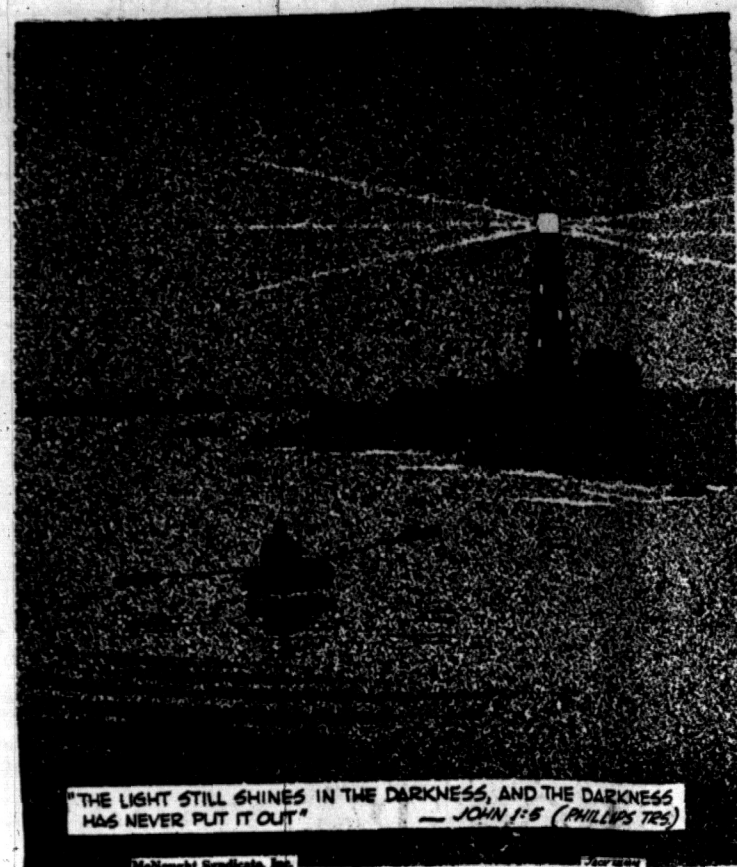
## A Matter of Conviction

Rueben E. Alley in Religious Herald

Almost eight years ago, in May, 1952, the Roman Catholic hierarchies in Sardinia and Campania, Italy, issued a warning that members of the Catholic Church would commit mortal sin by failure to vote in pending municipal elections and that those who voted for Communists would be excluded from the sacraments. At the same time the Vatican newspaper, Osservatore Romano, cautioned Italian Catholics that enemies of the Church would use the local elections to create advantages for themselves in the national elections which followed. This direct interference by the Roman Church with the political rights of citizens illustrates the disposition of the Church to exert effective authority upon Catholic citizens for the accomplishment of political ends.

During the past year the American public has been stirred by controversy over the possible nomination and election of a Roman Catholic as President of the United States. A pronouncement by the Roman Catholic Bishops of the United States in opposition to the use of artificial methods for birth control thrust that question into the political forum because of its bearing upon the international problem of an expanding world population. The issue served to bring into true perspective the question whether a Roman Catholic as President would be free from the authority of the hierarchies in the United States and Rome. John R. Connery, professor of moral philosophy at West Baden College, a Jesuit school, published a statement in the December 12th issue of "America" asserting that it would "clearly be wrong" for a Catholic President to approve an act of Congress sponsoring a program of birth control.

James Reston, columnist for New York Times, in remarks upon the political aspects of the issue observed that "the current argument over public policy and birth control has made at least one thing clear. This is that the hierarchy of the Roman Catholic Church in the United States is not acting in a way to promote the candidacy of Senator John



"THE LIGHT STILL SHINES IN THE DARKNESS, AND THE DARKNESS HAS NEVER PUT IT OUT" — JOHN F. KENNEDY

"I Am The Light of The World"—The Christ

F. Kennedy... Roman Catholic Bishops are following their mission as they see it, regardless of the effect on the Presidential campaign." We agree. At the same time one should remember that in the light of history the "mission as they see it" is almost certainly colored by political expediency with a long look to the future.

Episcopal Bishop James A. Pike made quick response to the statement by the Catholic Bishops with a question about authority of the hierarchy over a Catholic who might be elected President of the United States. Later Bishop Pike enlarged upon his inquiry in an article published in LIFE magazine. He contended that the question is not whether a Roman Catholic should be President, but which Roman Catholic. And the question is not how others interpret the authority of the Roman Church, but how the Roman Catholic candidate interprets that authority. Bishop Pike seemed to assume that the Catholic Church in the United States might be different from the Roman Catholic Church, but he declared "unrepudiated still is the 'official' Catholic position as to the rights of the Church in the political sphere, with the consequent limitations on the rights of the rest of us. To ask questions about this subject and to weigh a particular candidate's stand on it is not bigotry, but responsible citizenship."

Under the Constitution of the United States citizens enjoy equal rights without respect to religious faith. A Catholic citizen has the right to offer himself as a candidate for any political office for which he is qualified, and he has the right to conduct a campaign for election to that office without discrimination. It is wrong for groups of citizens to declare that a Catholic should not be a candidate for office. Such action denies equal rights to a large minority of citizens who fought with the armed forces of the nation and who pay taxes to support the Government. Cardinal Spellman was clearly in the right when he said, "For my part I may say I think it is a pity that questions of this sort still have to be answered at all."

With these observations in mind we suggest that all people who believe in God profess a supra-national allegiance. Every sincere Christian, whether Protestant or Catholic, has loyalty to an authority beyond the state. The disciple of Jesus must first obey Christ as Lord and Saviour. A thoughtful and devout Christian will not agree with Senator Kennedy when he said, "Whatever one's religion in private life may be, for the office-holder nothing takes precedence over his oath to uphold the Constitution and all its parts—including the First Amendment. . . ." A higher and supreme authority over the individual is admitted by an official as he places his hand on the Bible in taking the oath of office. Protestants, Catholics, Jews, and citizens of other religious faiths must accept and respond to the higher authority of God if they are faithful.

Having said this we need to consider an important difference between the faithful Catholic and other citizens. Protestants have faith in a spiritual relationship with God which expresses itself through fellowship in the Church which has supreme authority to grant or to withhold spiritual relationship of the individual with God. Unlike Protestants the Catholic believes that the Church has authority over the political State and that this supra-national authority resides in a religio-political institution that is ruled over by a man who is infallible. A faithful Catholic in the United States must give first allegiance to a foreign ruler as the supreme head of the Church from which he receives salvation. Since this is so, it is futile to plague a Catholic candidate with questions about what he would do on specific issues if elected to office. Like Protestant candidates he would act in the light of conscience, which for the faithful Catholic is determined for him by the Roman hierarchy. It is likewise futile to assume that Catholics in the United States are different. The Pope is the supreme and final authority. He appoints all members of the hierarchy and delegates authority. A late example of complete acceptance of this authority was given by Cardinal Spellman when he responded to an inquiry about birth control with the assertion: "The Pope has said all there is to be said on the subject."

While the Constitution of the United States guarantees the right of every qualified citizen to run for office, it also safeguards the right of every qualified citizen to express his convictions by secret ballot at the polls. The voter has the right and the responsibility to cast his ballot for the candidate whom he believes best qualified to fill an office. A first qualification for an official should be undivided loyalty to the United States as a political unit and acceptance of the Constitution as the adequate and final human authority for all decisions bearing upon the welfare of the nation and its citizens. Recent events in France, Italy, Spain, and other nations under Catholic rulers afford telling illustrations of Vatican authority in action to gain political advantages for the Roman Church. Every faithful Catholic believes such means and ends are both right and good, and we would not want a person as President of the United States who was unfaithful to his religious convictions. Every Catholic citizen has a right to run for office, but also every citizen has the right and bears the obligation to vote according to his convictions.

Sin and dandelions are very much alike. To get rid of them is a lifetime fight, and you never quite win it.—William Allen White.

If a man has something, he doesn't have to prove it; if he doesn't, talking will do no good.

No matter what side of an argument you get on, you will always find some people with you that you wish were on the other side.—Joscha Heifetz.

## "I Think Of You Every Day"

By S. L. MORGAN, Sr.  
Wake Forest, N. C.

I crossed the street to say good-bye to the father of a neighbor visiting him from another state. He had been in my home and met my wife, mentally helpless from hardening arteries. As I said good-bye, he said, "I think of you every day—and your wife."

His earnest, sympathetic word still gives me comfort, "every day." I wonder that I hear it so seldom on the lips of my numerous friends and neighbors. I

wonder if they know the mental breakdown of my once-brilliant wife and soul-companion for nearly half a century is indeed the greatest sorrow of my lifetime. Or I wonder if their silence is because they don't know anything to say.

## Greatest Need

My new friend across the street is my model in sensing my need and knowing what to say. For, after all, our greatest need in sorrow is to know that people—and God—truly care. And my new friend in one short sentence made me sure he cared—showed it in word and tone and look of sympathy. And that simple sentence still rings in my heart and strangely warms it.

I write this to urge that the sublime secret of helping people is to make them feel we truly care. I wrote a woman I never saw a tiny note. I knew that her father, a pal of my childhood, was very ill, and that her marriage threatened to go on the rocks. She was a school teacher. Her reply was touching. She said, "Your note gave me a boost just when I needed it. I put it in my purse and took it to school next day, and I took it out several times during the day and read it, just assure myself that someone cared." That's a tiny message that will carry comfort to any burdened heart and win eternal gratitude.

## Pastor Visits

Another friend I never met,

## BAPTIST FORUM

## Rev. Alexander Is Commended by Georgia Pastor

I would like to say a few words concerning Rev. John D. Alexander, who recently resigned as Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Buena Vista, Georgia, which is in my association, in order to begin work as an associate in the Sunday School Department.

Brother Alexander came to the Buena Vista Church more than two years ago and during that time remarkable progress has been made in every department of this church.

He has rendered valuable service in our association and in our state convention work. He has served as president of our association Workers' Council, Associate Training Union Director for the association, Pastor Advisor for the associational Brotherhood and on various committees. At the time of his resignation he was Vice-Chairman of our association Executive Committee.

Brother Alexander is an excellent preacher, pastor and administrator. He will be a valuable member of our state Sunday School Department and a great blessing to the Baptists of Mississippi.

I. J. Cheves,

Americus, Ga.

## Christ's Pasture Lands

"By me if any man enter in, he shall . . . find pasture" (John 10:9).

The shepherd takes care that his sheep are well fed. Christ also feeds His people, and leads them out to find pasture. The Bible is His pasture-land, and the pasturage there is always good. Every chapter is a field of rich grass. Some of these fields seem at first to be bare and sterile; but even in the barest there is enough pasture to feed a hungry soul.

There are the pasture-fields of prayer. These lie very close to the border of heaven. They are always up in the quiet valleys among the mountains. The Good Shepherd leads us to them through the gates of prayer. We bow down in lowly humility, and enter with Him into the green pastures, and feed our souls until their hunger is satisfied.

## Church Is Field

The Church is another of our Shepherd's pasture-fields. We enter the gates of the sanctuary, and at once we find spiritual food. We find it in the services, in the ordinances and in the sacraments.

In our common life in this world, if we are faithfully following Christ, we are continu-

ally in fields of rich pasture. Christ never leads us into any places in which there is nothing to feed us. Even in the "hot plains of trial and sorrow there is food. We sometimes think there is only barrenness in our toilsome life, filled with temptations, cares, and sacrifices; but the Good Shepherd is ever with us, and there is always pasture.

Thus the whole world is a rich field when Jesus leads His flock. If any Christians are not well fed, it is because they will not feed. The trouble must be that they do not hunger for spiritual food. The saddest thing in this world is not a passionate cry for bread, but a soul that has no hunger. Many souls die in the midst of the provision made by the Good Shepherd, not for want of food, but for want of appetite.

—James R. Miller

It seems that in searching for God in reading, I find him everywhere—in killdeer flying in the moonlight, a butterfly wobbling on new wings, childish laughter, a katydid's song, the sound of wind in the pines.—Anne Kendall Wilson in January HOME LIFE.

who wrote me often, was the widow of a minister in Texas. She lately died at 92. She wrote, "It is a red-letter day for me when my pastor comes in to see me for a few minutes and reads a verse of Scripture and offers a prayer. But with so many to visit, he can get to me not more than once a quarter; and that is a long time to wait!" My pastor can get to me only about once a quarter for a little visit, and at 88, and my soul companion so nearly gone from me, I too feel a quarter is "a long time to wait."

As one who has probed deeply into the problems of old people, my dream-project is to see a select and trained group of men and women with hearts to care, rightly centered in the church diocese, who will go out as commissioned pastors' assistants in a dedicated ministry to the neglected aged and shut-ins, an increasing group in every church, and I dare to say our most neglected and wretched group.

It has become obvious to all who think and care that no pastor today can give adequate attention to this growing multitude. Such a dedicated and trained group of men and women are actually proving to be a god-send to the sick and aging and shut-ins in some churches. And as one who has studied the problem for years and written many articles about the aging, I frankly see no solution to it except in carefully choosing and training such a group of lay men and women definitely commissioned and sent out as pastors' assistants to minister specially to the aging and shut-ins beyond the reach of the pastor.

## Deacon Visits

My choice model is the fine young deacon in an early pastorate. Genial, sympathetic and a fine singer, he went with me sometimes on a round of pastoral visiting among the sick and shut-ins. In late years, when I returned on a visit now and then, he would take me on a round of visits that he paid regularly to these aging shut-ins, and they would say with warm enthusiasm, "Mr. . . . is the best visitor in the city among the shut-ins; he does more good among them than any pastor in the city."

And he would frankly tell me, "I owe it to you; you showed me the joy I could give and receive in such visiting."

I plead for such a ministry in every church—a ministry in the reach of every church thru a group of pastor's assistants.

## Calendar of Prayer

January 25 — George A. Nichols, Moderator, Grenada Association; Cooper Walton, Hinds Assoc. Moderator.

January 26 — J. M. Haynes, Baptist Building; Walter L. Blain, Wayne Assoc. Missionary.

January 27 — Claude Lazenby, Panola Assoc. Music Director; W. H. Hinton, Prentiss Assoc. Brotherhood Pres.

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# Kennedy Confirms Poling's Report

By W. Barry Garrett  
WASHINGTON — (BP)—Senator John F. Kennedy (D., Mass.), an announced presidential candidate, has confirmed the report of Daniel A. Poling, editor of the Christian Herald, that he had turned down a speaking engagement at an inter-faith meeting upon the advice of a Roman Catholic bishop. "Poling's facts in the story are correct," said Kennedy, "but his conclusion was wrong."

Following a speech at the National Press Club, Kennedy was asked by several newspaper correspondents if he had accepted a speaking engagement in Philadelphia in connection with the "Chapel of the Four Chaplains," and if he had refused, was it on the advice of Roman Catholic Bishop Dennis Cardinal Dougherty of Philadelphia.

Kennedy, a Roman Catholic, said that the answer to both questions is "yes." He emphasized that Poling's facts were correct but that his conclusion was wrong. Previous newspaper reports were that Kennedy's office had reported the Poling story was inaccurate.

**Meeting Place Cited**  
"I was invited to the occasion as a Roman Catholic, not as a public official," Kennedy said. "One of the problems was that the meeting was held in the sacristy of the Baptist church."

The occasion took place in Philadelphia in 1950 and it was a banquet marking the end of a financial drive for building the "Chapel of the Four Chaplains." Later in 1951 President Truman was the main speaker at the chapel's dedication.

Left unanswered by Kennedy was the constantly recurring

question as to whether his Roman Catholic faith would restrict his appearances at non-Catholic events if he were elected President of the United States.

In May, 1959 the Report From The Capital, monthly newsletter of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, reported a Roman Catholic public official's duty to his church in relation to his civic responsibilities. The occasion was a question and answer column conducted by Msgr. Thomas J. Riley in The Pilot, official organ of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston, Mass.

**Catholicism Forbidden**  
In reply to a question on Catholic attendance at fund raising social functions of non-Catholic churches Riley said that Catholics are forbidden to participate in such activities. In his discussion that followed, the control of the "church" over the activities of Catholic public officials is clearly stated.

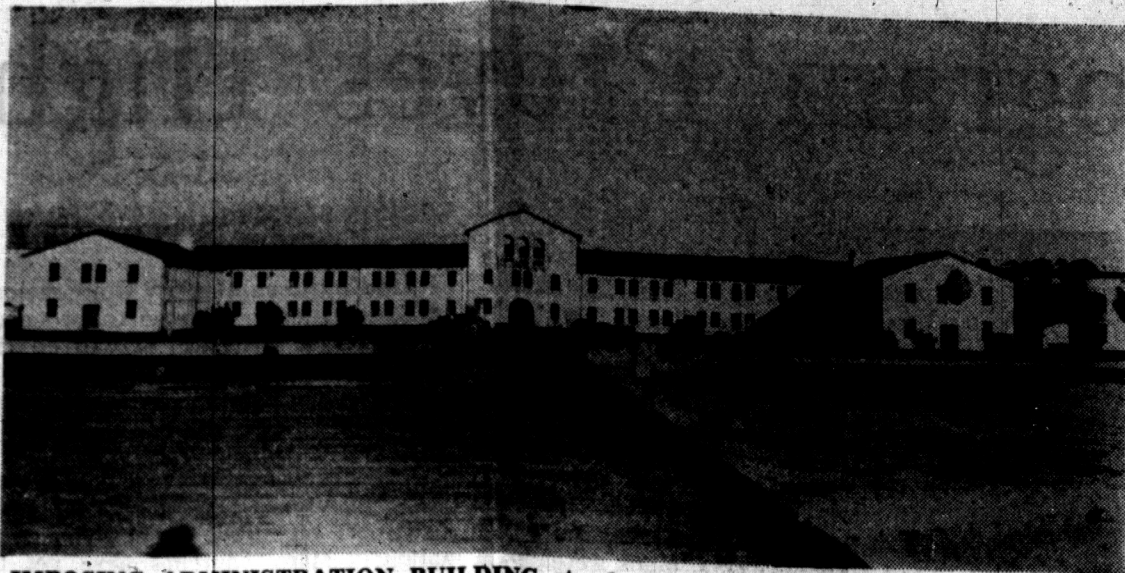
"It will be wrong for Roman Catholics to take any active part in their properly religious activities, or to cooperate actively and formally in their efforts to maintain themselves in existence and to promote their religious objectives," Riley said in reference to non-Catholic churches.

Exceptions can be made in the case of public officials or business men, Riley said, but "any such exception should meet with the approval of the local ecclesiastical authorities, and Catholics, of whatever status, should be prepared to yield their judgment whenever there might be any question of the propriety of their presence at the non-Catholic social function."

In commenting on the above position the Report From The Capital said, "This subordination of personal judgment to local ecclesiastical authorities creates intricate problems for any Roman Catholic politician in any public official and especially for a devout Roman Catholic who might be an occupant of the White House. His appointment secretary, apparently, would be expected to keep in close contact with the archbishop of Washington."

## African Medical Mission Film Now Available

WASHINGTON, D. C. (BWA)—A motion picture in sound and full color depicting the Africa portion of a Baptist World Alliance medical mission tour has been completed and is being offered for showing in churches, other religious organizations and civic clubs.



IMPOSING ADMINISTRATION BUILDING stands near center of Gulfshore Assembly.

# \$100,000 Needed To Complete Gulfshore Renovation

The remodeling and furnishing of Gulfshore Assembly for use beginning this year will cost an additional \$100,000.

By authority of the State Convention, \$100,000 of Convention Board reserve funds has been reinvested into Gulfshore, leaving \$100,000 necessary to complete the project.

This \$100,000 is being sought in a special campaign during January, February and March, also approved by the Convention and Convention Board.

When completed the facility will be adequate for Mississippi Baptists' immediate assembly needs.

Although the 14 buildings on the 24-acre fence-enclosed plot are of permanent-type construction they were designed primarily for a maritime academy and will need to be remodeled to some extent to be effectively used as an assembly.

In addition to the remodeling, the buildings must be equipped and furnished for effective assembly use.

The largest amount needed

## MEMORANDUM OF EXPENSE Remodeling and Furnishing Gulfshore Assembly

Gate House .....	\$ 100.00
Gymnasium .....	8,000.00
Bath House; Swimming Pool .....	3,000.00
Machine Shop and Lab. ....	3,500.00
Frame Barracks .....	7,300.00
Garage .....	4,000.00
Ship's Service and Chapel .....	5,500.00
Utility Building .....	3,200.00
Maintenance and Utility Building .....	4,500.00
Kitchen and Cafeteria .....	6,500.00
Administration Building .....	75,000.00
Classroom Building .....	5,000.00
Hospital and Clinic .....	3,000.00
Residence .....	400.00
Misc. Exterior; Seawall, Pier, etc. ....	1,000.00
<b>EQUIPMENT:</b>	
Kitchen and Cafeteria .....	25,000.00
Administration Building .....	25,000.00
Auditorium and Classroom Building .....	10,000.00
Contingent Fund .....	5,000.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$200,000.00</b>

will be for the Administration Building, \$75,000 for remodeling and \$25,000 for equipment. The kitchen and cafeteria will require \$6,500 for remodel-

ing and \$25,000 for equipment. The other buildings will require smaller amounts. The complete breakdown is in adjoining column.

## AGITATION CONTINUES FOR AMBASSADOR TO VATICAN

WASHINGTON — (BP)—Continued agitation in the 86th Congress for formal diplomatic relations with the Vatican is seen in a memorial from the Rhode Island legislature.

The memorial, referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, called attention to the meeting of President Eisenhower with Pope John XXIII at the Vatican on Dec. 6, 1959, pointed out that the U. S. A. has 39 million Catholics, and asserted that the Vatican is "the central information agency of the world."

The Rhode Island legislature said that "the United States

and the Vatican are undisputed leaders in a joint effort to attain world peace and to liberate the legions of oppressed people in the world," and that "the mutual objectives of both powers toward the preservation of the free world would be better attained" by permanent diplomatic relations between the two powers.

Last year Rep. Victory L. Anuso (D., N. Y.) introduced a resolution in the House calling for an ambassador to the Vatican. Later in a report to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Unless there is an upsurge of

## Graham Relocates Headquarters

CHARLOTTE, N. C. (RNS)—Headquarters of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Team, set up here in June, 1958, will be relocated in Minneapolis, Minn., by April 1, 1960, it was announced by a team official.

The move, which will consolidate all activities of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association in Minneapolis, was made possible by acquisition of additional space adjoining present Association offices there.

public opinion calling for approval of such representation at the Vatican, there is little to indicate that the matter is being considered seriously either by the Congress or by the State Department.

## WILLIAM CAREY COLLEGE BEGINS SECOND SEMESTER

Dr. Joseph M. Ernest, Jr., Dean of instruction, reports that registration for the Spring Semester at Carey College is to be held on Monday, January 25, and classes begin on the 26th.

Of particular interest are courses offered in Survey of the New Testament (9:30 Tue., Thur.), the General Epistles of the New Testament (12:30 Tue., Thur.), the Philosophy of Religion (1:00 Mon., Wed., Fri.), the History of Philosophy (8:00 Mon., Wed., Fri.), William Carey and Christian Missions (11:00 Mon., Wed., Fri.), and Religious Education as a Vocation (3:00 Mon., Wed., Fri.).

In the social studies field, the college is offering for the first time courses in Political Geography (1:00 Mon., Wed., Fri.) and the History of the Far East (2:00 Tue., Thur.). English courses being given for the first time in several years are Modern Poetry (12:30 Tue., Thur.) and the Modern American Novel (3:30 Tue., Thur.).

The popular Lebanon Association Bible course, being taught by Dr. B. Frank Smith on Tuesday evenings 7:00-9:00, will continue as the class begins a study of the New Testament. Adults and young people of all ages may join the present large group at the first meeting of the class, Tuesday evening, January 26. The cost is \$3.00 per student. Those who wish to earn college credit (two semester hours) for this course pay \$14.00. This is the new study course series which requires the reading of the Bible plus several study course books. The class meets in the auditorium at the college.

## Fourth Religious Liberty Meeting Set Sept. 7-9

WASHINGTON — (BP)—The fourth national Religious Liberty Conference, sponsored by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, has been slated for September 7-9, according to announcement by C. Emanuel Carlson, executive director. The conference will meet in the nation's capital city at the Calvary Baptist Church.

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## State Vacation Bible School Clinic

GARAYWA FEBRUARY 1-3  
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Primary

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Primary

Room and meals plus mileage, will be provided for each COMPLETE Team at Garaywa. Clinicians are requested to bring their own linens. Expenses for those not on associational teams expenses amount to \$6.50.

## PASTOR-SUPERINTENDENT AREA MEETINGS

FEBRUARY 22-26

- Education Directors and Superintendents of Missions invited.
- Meal reservations. Cards have been mailed—Please return!
- Special guests—Keener Pharr and Alvis Strickland, Nashville.

## HOW TO EMPHASIZE YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK IN FEBRUARY

Many churches need to rethink their young People's Sunday school work. Some churches need to start new classes and departments. All churches must immediately take steps to improve the quality of work now being done.

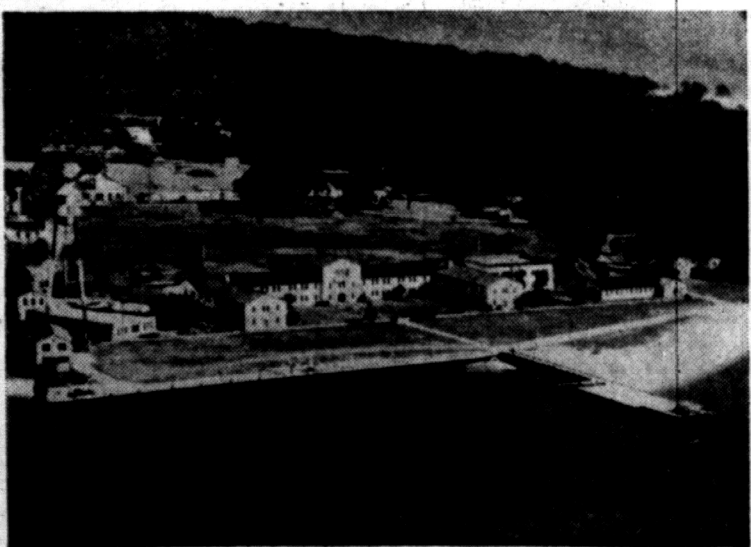
Children born during the war years are now knocking at doors of young people's departments and classes. Others have married and established their own homes, and still there are those temporarily away from home. These three groups are all YOUNG PEOPLE and yet, few churches are making adequate provision for all three groups in their Sunday School.

During February—YOUNG PEOPLE'S EMPHASIS MONTH—your church can do the following:

1. PROVIDE at least two classes for young people.
2. ORGANIZE a Married Young People's Department with a class for men and one for women.
3. ESTABLISH a YPA Department for Young People Temporarily Away from home.
4. USE your young people in well planned assembly programs, class organization, visitation and social activities.
5. STUDY Lackey's new book, *Understanding and Developing Young People*.
6. ENLIST workers and young people in intensive prospect visitation in February.
7. IMPROVE TEACHING by starting Weekly Officers and Teachers' Meeting and using the *Young People's Teacher*.
8. APPLY for standard recognition.
9. REARRANGE your present space to provide for at least a department and additional classes.
10. EVALUATE your total program. Are you reaching, teaching, winning and developing all young people for whom your church is responsible?

If you need free help or assistance in any of the above areas, contact Joseph M. Haynes, Box 530, Jackson.

Feb. 21  
SPECIAL  
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\$100,000

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## NOW LET US PERFORM THE DOING OF IT

By W. Douglas Hudgins  
Campaign Director

Last November our State Convention authorized a special appeal to Mississippi Baptists for \$100,000.00 to complete the facilities of this Assembly. January, February and March were the months designated.

Sunday, February 21, has been chosen as the date for making the appeal in our churches. Every pastor is being urged to promote this offering in his church. Associations have been organized; scores of dedicated individuals are giving time and effort to give information about and enthusiasm to this once-in-a-generation financial challenge.

Success in this achievement, however, depends on YOU! Each must do his part. The amount you give is your decision. But it must be emphasized that our goal will not be achieved with dimes and quarters. If that is all you can do, the Lord will bless your gift and use it. But, many can give five dollars—or ten,—or twenty-five. Some can give a hundred—five hundred—or even a thousand dollars. Remember... you are making possible one of the greatest Assemblies in America and your gift will stretch out over a complete generation!

The time for our response is NOW! The future of Gulfshore depends on YOU!





# Forward Program Proves Highly Successful



LOYALTY DAY was celebrated by the South Side Church, Meridian, with a banquet during their Forward Program campaign. Cliff Eaves (left), program chairman for the evening, shakes hands with Rev. L. Gordon Sansing of Jackson, associate executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board who was the principal speaker. Rev. W. E. Speed is pastor.



A LARGE CROWD was present for the Loyalty banquet at the First Church in Purvis. The pastor, Rev. Harold O'Chester, speaks to the group.

## Gets Greatest Spiritual Experience In Russia

By Tom Anderson

Imagine getting your greatest spiritual experience in atheistic Russia! We had just left Moscow's citadel of atheism, fantastically ugly Red Square, where thousands of subervients come daily to worship the incarnation of history's foremost mummies, Vladimir "The Body" Lenin and "good Ol' Joe" Stalin, their carcasses perfectly preserved in their glass showcase in red marble mausoleum. They're the only well-dressed people in Moscow—all dressed up and no place to go.

Stalin had pronounced repeatedly: "Lenin is God . . . The party cannot be neutral toward religion. Anti-religious propaganda is a means by which the complete liquidation of the reactionary clergy must be brought about."

The Russian "God," Lenin, stated: "Religion is a kind of spiritual gin in which the slaves of capital drown their human shape and their claims to any decent human life . . . Marxism is materialism . . . We deny all morality taken from superhuman or nonclass conceptions. Atheism is an integral part of Marxism . . . The materialist gives a more important place to materialism and nature, while relegating God and all the philosophical rabble who believe in Him to the sewer and manure heap. . . . Down with religion. Long live Atheism."

Atheism or Starvation Sunday Schools in Russia are not permitted to exist. All "education" belongs to the state—and so do the children. Six days a week for 40 years the children have been taught atheism in school. It would be inconsistent to let them be taught about God in a Sunday School!

A person can lose his job or be demoted for church attendance. Starting next year young people have to either be confirmed in church or join "youth confirmation" (Communist) groups. If they choose the church, they won't be able to get a job when they're old enough to work. Most people

under 60 have sold out God for jobs, security, convenience. Or maybe they've simply concluded that co-existence, with atheism, is better than no existence.

Our Intourist guide had informed us that intelligent people don't go to church; that religion, which they refer to the past tense, is a fairy story. With a straight face the beguiling guide had told us that churches were closed because the people no longer wanted them open; they had "learned better." In spite of this unsolicited wisdom, we drove from the ornate, atheistic Kremlin to a little out-of-the-way faded stucco Baptist Church on a narrow cobblestone street. The Central Baptist Church, one of the few open-for-business churches left in Moscow was playing to its usual three-times-a-week standing-room-only crowd of about 1,000.

Behind the pulpit glowed a stained-glass window inscribed with "Bog est lyubov (God is love)." It glowed quite differently from the diffused orange-colored light which bathes the carcasses of the enshrined killers on display in Red Square.

**Looked Pleadingly** Every face in the old sanctuary gaped incredulously as our obviously-American group was led down the aisle. They grabbed our hands as we proceeded to our pews which were gladly vacated for our unexpected visit. Their wrinkled old faces looked at us pleadingly. They reached out to touch us almost as one would reach out for the last final caress of one's most beloved just before the casket is lowered. They were in misery and yet a light shone through the misery. They gripped our hands like frightened children.

A member of our group was unexpectedly called to the pulpit. His voice choked with emotion, he preached a sermon of love and faith, hope and truth. "I believe very firmly in prayer," he said. "It is possible to reach out and tap that unseen power which gives us strength and such an anchor in time of

need. "Be not afraid. Keep this commandment: Love one another. Love all mankind. Truth will endure. Time is on the side of truth." Thus spake Ezra Taft Benson, Mormon Apostle and Secretary of Agriculture.

The Secretary's wife and two beautiful daughters rapidly drank in his words, with tears streaming. "God lives, I know that He lives; that Jesus is the Christ, the Redeemer of the World. We are eternal beings." As each sentence was translated for the audience by the Russian minister the women removed their handkerchiefs from their heads and waved them like a mother bidding permanent goodbye to her only son. Their heads nodded vigorously as they moaned, "ja, ja, ja!" (yes, yes, yes!).

As their gnarled hands folded in fervent prayer, it made you think of the ancient Christians about to be thrown to the lions. Most were old women. The old can attend church. They have no jobs to lose. They can "afford" to go to church. There were a handful of teenagers, one of whom stood beside me. I wished mightily that we could break the language barrier and talk. A youth with the courage to oppose history's most godless dictatorship to worship God!

Cynical newspaper correspondents who'd griped about a "command performance" in church with Benson, stood there crying openly.

**The Last Believers** These people have what has been described by some bubble-heads as "freedom of religion." It is freedom to live out their last few years without being shot in the back of the neck; freedom to go on existing in a living hell under a forced choice between God and their own families.

These old souls live by faith alone, unlike the Communist high priests who're backed by the all-powerful state and the firing squad.

The Communist plan is that when these "last believers" die

By L. GORDON SANSING  
Associate Executive Secretary

The 1955 meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami, instructed the Executive Committee to proceed with plans toward a recommended program of church finance.

This came about because of continuing demands from churches and pastors. Professional fund raisers were being employed by many churches.

Thus as a result of this expressed need from the churches and of our Convention leadership, plans were set in motion. A conference composed of members of the Promotion Committee, state secretaries, convention agency heads, state editors, stewardship leaders, and pastors was held.

**Result of Planning** From months of study, planning and praying came the Forward Program of Church Finance. The Forward Program contains a combination of the best methods and techniques of church, denominational and professional budget fund raising and church finance programs.

In other words, it is a new combination of workable plans into "a complete program of church finance for the every member support of an enlarged church program including world missions, local work, and building needs."

**Tested In State** The Forward Program of Church Finance was tested in ten churches in the Jackson area in 1956 with phenomenal success. Since that time hundreds of churches have used it with a very high degree of success.

The Forward Program is no longer on trial. It is a tested and proven program. It has worked

off, religion will die with them. What the atheists don't know is that God can't be stamped out either by legislated atheism or firing squad. This Methodist backslider who occasionally grumbles about having to go to church, stood crying unashamedly, throat lumped, and chills running from spine to toes. It was the most heart-rending and most inspiring scene I've ever witnessed.

As we filed out they sang with all their hearts, "God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again." And all knew we never would—on this earth. We also knew that some day, somehow, the greatest force in the world, love of God, will destroy this organized religion of hate.

With heavy hearts we left to rejoin the smug, smart-aleck atheist guides who took us to the church but refused to go in.

This trip with Secretary Benson was unforgettable. I was able to reach many conclusions, including the inscription I want for my tombstone: "I'd rather be here than in Russia."—Farm and Ranch Magazine, Nashville, Tenn.



ONE OF THE SCENES in the missions pageant at Oakhurst Church, Clarksdale, is shown above. Left to right: Robert Franke, his daughter, Mrs. Robert Franke, Jimmy Dennis, are representing Near East and medical missions.

## Oakhurst Features Missions "Pageant of the World"

An original Pageant of the World was a feature of the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions at Oakhurst, Clarksdale. Over 100 individuals were used in the production of the pageant. Tableaus of Southern Baptist mission areas were spotlighted as the needs and work of the areas were presented by The Spirit of Missions, Mrs. Herbert Sims, and The W. M. S. Lady, Mrs. Jack Sartin. The pageant was directed

by Mrs. Charles Culpepper. The offering for Foreign Missions totaled over \$800.00. (The goal had been set for \$500.00) the largest offering ever made for Foreign Missions by Oakhurst Church.

The Week of Prayer was under the direction of Mrs. Benjie Crawford, Jr. Mrs. Seymour Dulaney is W. M. U. President and Dr. Frank K. Horton is pastor.

## Norwegians Have One Missionary Per 350 Members

COLUMBIA, S. C.—(BP)—Southern Baptists would have 28,500 missionaries overseas instead of 1350 if they matched the zeal of their Norwegian brethren, a retired missionary said here.

Miss Bertha Smith, who recently returned to America after 42 years of service in North China and Formosa, said Norwegian Baptists have one missionary for every 350 church members.

## MATERIALS AVAILABLE

The Guidebook and most other necessary materials for the Forward Program of Church Finance can be secured by writing to SBC Stewardship Services, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville 3, Tennessee. The cost is \$2.00.



## Forward Program Results Mount

Most of those churches using the Forward Program report substantial results. Several letters received from pastors appear below:

**First Church, Aberdeen**  
By N. F. Davis, Pastor

In 1958, this church used no type of pledging and a very loose system of getting envelopes to church members. In November, 1958 we engaged in the Forward Program to become effective January 1, 1959.

Total receipts Calendar year 1958—\$35,000.00 for year.

Budget goal for 1959—\$1,090.00 per week—\$56,682.00 for year.

Pledged for 1959 — \$1,134.00 per week—\$58,968.00 for year.

Actual Receipts for 1959—\$1,231.00 per week—\$64,044.00 per year.

Total number of families—316.

Potential givers—850.

Number making pledges—573.

Number pledging to tithe—293.

We are in our second year of participation in the Forward Program now and the spirit of our church has never been better.

**First Church, Purvis**  
By Harold E. O'Chester, Pastor

The Pastor and membership of the First Baptist Church, Purvis, have just completed the Forward Program of Church Finance. The results were not only phenomenal but fantastic. I never dreamed when I led our church to adopt the Forward Program that we would pledge an entire budget during the course of the program.

On Pledge Sunday Morning, even though it rained and was very cold, 313 people pledged \$41,818.40, which was \$804.20 weekly. At the close of Victory Sunday, 430 people had pledged some amount and 295 pledged to tithe. The amount pledged was \$52,160.56 or \$1,006.03 a week. Our budget this year is an increase of 64 per cent over last year's budget and yet we over-subscribed it. This meant that we over-subscribed our \$50,000 budget by more than \$2,000.00.

I can not sing the praises of the Forward Program too highly, in fact, these wonderful people here in Purvis are wholly convinced that the Forward Program will work, and already they are looking forward to next year's program. Thank you so much for your part in making this a success in our church.

Perhaps the biggest event of the entire program was our Loyalty Dinner in which 291 people attended and 58 children attended the Children's Party.

**First Church, Water Valley**  
By W. C. Howard, Pastor

Our church adopted the Forward Program of Church Finance, which has already worked wonders for us. We gave last year \$2,747.21 more than our budget called for. For 1960 we increased our budget \$13,478.94 and then over pledged it by \$4,632.25.

The number of titheers increased from 91 to 233 for 1960. The offering for the first Sunday in 1959 was \$380.10, but under the Forward Program the offering for the same Sunday of this year was \$1,137.87, an increase of \$757.77.

We have the best spirit of fellowship we have ever known in our church. Our people are

happy and are anxious to keep on moving forward. The attendance upon our Sunday School, Training Union and all of our worship services is at an all time high, and on Soul Winning Commitment Day we had 125 who said by the help of the Lord they would do their best to win at least one lost person to Christ this year.

**First Church, Petal**  
By Ralph Bray, Pastor

God is still working wonders through His people. In our church we have seen what many believed impossible. A year ago the Sunday School had their first workers appreciation banquet. At this service the film on the Forward Program was shown. The deacons discussed the program and the future use of it in our church. After a few months of study they decided and recommended the church use it for their 1960 program.

This was the first time that the church had used a planned program in their giving. True, for the past two years we had a budget but no church program called on every member to support their church with the tithe.

We used various means to inform the people about the working of the program. Then this past October and November the detailed program was used.

Many of us moved with "fear and trembling," however it was so well supported that the entire membership is still rejoicing of the marvelous results.

Here are facts to show some of the work of this program.

Total gifts	Mission gifts
1955—\$7,766.00	\$1,165.00
1956—12,997.00	1,298.00
1957—14,627.00	1,339.00
1958—15,599.00	1,496.00
1959—17,106.00	1,921.00
1960—26,671.70	Budget 2,399.21

The per cent increase to missions since 1955 is 49%. Per cent in total giving (budget) for 1960 is about three and one-half times what it was in 1955. The 1960 budget is increased by 55% over the 1959 budget. The feeling of the church is, "we will go beyond the budget, we did the past two years and we will do it in '60."

As the cards returned we found that more than 51% of all cards pledging to tithe. The church praised God for such a response.

We feel the planning for, and the actual activities during the past year is example enough that the Forward Program is the BEST program for any church. Our church plans to use it year after year.

**Wildwood Church, Laurel**  
By J. M. Foy, Pastor

This was the third year we have used the Forward Program. Our church enrollment was 675. Our budget for 1959 was \$45,000.00. Our 1960 proposed budget is \$50,000.00. Our proposed budget was over subscribed by more than \$2,000.00 on Victory Day. The cost of the Forward Program was more than paid for during the month of the Forward Program, above what our receipts were running at the time.

We had 24 additions to the church during the Forward Program. Our attendance at Loyalty Dinner was 322. Rev. M. G. Reedy of Highland Church of Laurel was our Loyalty Dinner speaker.



## Off The Record

A friend dropped in on a doctor's wife the day they were celebrating their golden anniversary.

"So it's your Golden wedding," she said. "How does it feel to be married to a man like your husband for 50 years?"

"Well, it's just as if it was yesterday," replied the doctor's wife, "and you know what an awful day yesterday was."

On a trip through the hill country, a motorist stopped at a small crossroads store for a soft drink. The proprietor, who had been resting comfortably in a rocker on the front porch, got up and followed the customer inside. He said he had soft drinks in the quart size only, and that they were a dollar a bottle.

"But isn't that a little high?" asked the man.

"Well," replied the storekeeper, "I had to get up to wait on you."

"But you won't get many customers at that price, will you?" The proprietor grinned, and said, "Won't need many."

Young Susan, an avid television fan, was told to come to the dinner table to say grace. Bowing her head, but with her mind still on the program, she said in a clear small voice: "Thank Thee, God, for the food we are about to receive and speed it up so I can get back to Woody Woodpecker."

How is this? "The librarian made a blunder."

"How's that?"

"I asked for Shakespeare's plays, and now she's gone and sent me Shakespeare's works."

And this? "Any particular choice of cut?" asked the butcher.

"Yes," she replied, "I'd like a cut of 50 per cent in price."

One good thing can be said of Rip Van Winkle. He finally woke up.

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## Sunday Reports

### Sunday School Attendance Training Union Attendance Additions To The Church

JANUARY 17, 1960		
Aberdeen, First	315	1
Amory, First	368	142
Batesville, First	418	192
Bethel (Cophah)	97	77
Biloxi, Emmanuel	330	109
Biloxi, Forrest Ave.	153	87
Brookhaven, First	405	222
Byram	210	150
Calhoun City, First	312	170
Canton, Center Terrace	190	100
Clara, First	106	63
Clarksdale, Oakhurst	445	143
Clear Creek (Laf.)	57	51
Cleveland, Yale St.	154	115
Cleveland, First	389	145
Cleveland, Immanuel	247	123
Collins	137	92
Columbus, First	644	252
Corinth, First	222	109
Crystal Springs, First	360	180
Dixie (Leb.)	207	131
Friendship (Monroe)	54	44
Grenada, Emmanuel	189	80
Greenville, First	632	355
Main	879	305
Greenfield	85	52
Chinese	58	58
Greenville, Airport	183	140
Main	169	140
Grace Mission	14	2
Greenwood, North	398	253
Greenwood, Calvary	430	216
Gulfport		
Grace Memorial	261	84
Gulf Gardens	186	69
Bayou View	159	81
First	809	298
Hattiesburg:		
Central	945	174
Main	314	174
Mission	31	31
First	539	238
38th Avenue	265	162
Main Street	1041	463
Main	971	408
North Main	30	32
Wayside	40	23
University	69	42
Houston, First	523	164
Jackson:		
Parkway	574	493
Daniel Memorial	767	437
Southside	198	155
Calvary	166	587
Main	1325	553
Mission	90	34
Forest Hill	108	90
Alta Woods	551	317
Crestwood	262	184
Temple	104	56
Ridgcrest	596	279
First	1273	536
Broadmoor	536	353
Highland	547	144
Oak Forest	254	122
Hillcrest	400	247
Van Winkle	328	187
West Jackson	291	187
Midway	194	132
Kosciusko, First	475	178
Main	169	178
Maple	16	16
Laurel:		
Magnolia Street	383	100
Main	353	100
Mission	30	30
Plainway	119	78
Highland	424	189
Wildwood	389	165
Long Beach, First	312	108
Main	290	92
Delisle Mission	22	16
Long Lake	71	54
Lyon	145	65
Magee, Eastside	155	105
McComb, Central	140	88
McComb, Locust St.	137	110
Meridian:		
Highland	632	249
Fifteenth Avenue	580	232
First	790	244
Lauderdale	20	20
Oakland Heights	569	110
State Boulevard	346	115
Arwood	94	39
Calvary	108	32
Fewell Survey Mission	36	31
South Side	461	144
Fulton, First	24	18
Poplar Springs Drive	140	140
Grandview Mission	29	20
Key Field	98	52
Morton, East	76	110
Mosselle Memorial	27	49
Natchez:		
Fellowship	191	128
First	212	77
Morgantown	243	147
New Albany, First	500	222
Newton, First	389	204
Oxford, First	213	113
Pascagoula, Eastlawn	368	175
Pascagoula, Orange	102	54
Pascagoula, First	710	211
Pearl	184	145
Pecan Grove	45	37
Pelahatchie	140	73
Petal, Temple	198	92
Petal, Crestview	96	60
Picayune, First	454	117
Main	27	27
Mission	27	27
Pineview (Jackson)	125	67
Purvis, First	304	104
Quitman, First	240	114
Rolling Fork, First	190	85
Ruleville	255	98
Ruth	40	40
Sharon (GC)	89	60
Sherman	100	41
Soso, First	154	52
Springfield (Scott)	37	59
Starkville, First	572	364
Sumrall, First	120	75
Terry	29	93
Trinity (Jones)	96	46
Tupelo:		
First	345	127
Calvary	202	127
Spring Street	56	30
Harrisburg	493	197
Union, First	244	96
Vicksburg, First	154	133
Wetzel, Trinity	48	75
West End	193	165
Calvary	81	103
Wheeler Grove	119	134
JANUARY 10, 1960		
Cleveland, First	440	138
Greenville, Parkway	400	102
Morton, East	123	131
Pascagoula, Orange	111	69
Grove	111	69
Pineview (Jackson)	125	67
Tupelo, Calvary	345	127

By Dr. L. Bracey Campbell  
THE CONVERTING POWER  
OF THE GOSPEL. Scripture  
Texts: Acts 15:36-16:40.

INTRODUCTION. We start from Antioch in Syria, the great Antioch, the Home Base of Foreign Missions, the Antioch made famous by the fact that the disciples were given the title of Christians there. There the apostles were gathered in conference and communion and prayer and worship.

There Paul and Barnabas divided on the subject of taking John Mark as "minister" with them again. Barnabas was all for giving his young nephew John Mark another chance; Paul was afraid that Mark might desert again. Paul and Barnabas separated, Barnabas taking Mark and sailing away to Cyprus, after which we hear no more of him, because Luke is wholly concerned with the labors of Paul. He chose Silas to go with him, and starting from Antioch, the pair went over to Tarsus in Cilicia, old home town of Paul, on from there to Derbe and Lystra, where they found young Timothy, whom they took with them. Somewhere along their line of advance, and before they reached Troas, Luke joined them, and completed the evangelistic troop.

I. OBEYING THE ORDERS OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF. Paul's evident full intention was to labor for the Lord in the cities of Phrygia, Galatia, and Asia. Was not that the natural thing for Paul to want to do? Was that not his native country? Had he not had success in starting work in that region? But the Holy Spirit of God, after a manner which is not revealed here, but which was very clear to Paul, forbade his doing so.

Twice over we are told that Paul would have gone, first, into Asia Minor, then, into Bithynia; but each time the Holy Spirit, Paul's Superior in Rank, laid a restraining hand upon Paul's shoulder and spoke a denial into the ear of his heart. "No! No! Not into that door, not along that road!" That was all. But it was enough for Paul.

It is enough for you and me, when we feel the restraining hand and hear the forbidding voice? But Paul was not a quitter; If the Spirit would not let Paul go where he wanted, then he'd go on where the Spirit had not forbidden. So Paul and his companions fared on westward till they came right down to the "bank" of the sea. Like to know what we're going to do now!

II. THE VISION. "There appeared to Paul a man resembling a Macedonian, standing over him, saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us' (and help us) Paul and his friends no doubt discussed all this and decided that the Lord had now set before them the door he wanted them to enter, and they did.

III. PHILIPPI. Founded by Philip II, of Macedonia, father of Alexander the Great, chief city of its district, a city in which a Roman colony had been planted as an example to non-Roman elements of the population.

IV. A TYPICAL CONVERSION.

1. Lydia. A fine business woman, well traveled, and master of her household, and a woman of devout soul in search of a fellowship with God, no doubt a proselyte to the Jewish faith, estimated by her as the finest of the religions with which she was acquainted.

2. Lydia's Habit. She sought a place of prayer, a place of worship. On this Sabbath day she was at a place of prayer.

3. Lydia's attitude. She was heedful, gave attention to the words of the preacher.

4. The Grace of the Lord to Lydia. "Her heart was so touched by the Lord." The Lord opened her heart.

5. Lydia's Response. She was baptized, she and hers.

6. Lydia's Christian Service. She entertained the party while they sought the conversion of the city.

V. MIRACLE OF HEALING, PERSECUTION AND IMPRI-

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LOCUST ST. CHURCH OF MCCOMB IS HONOR CHURCH. Rev. Gene Griessman, pastor, (left) is presenting HONOR CHURCH DIPLOMA to Mr. George Johnston, Training Union Director.

## MORE THAN 6000 CHURCHES SET SCHOOLS OF MISSIONS

ATLANTA, Ga. — (BP)—More than 6000 Southern Baptist churches are scheduled to take part in a record 260 simultaneous programs of schools of missions during 1960, according to L. W. Martin of Atlanta.

The directors met with personnel from the Home and Foreign Mission Boards of the denomination to work out problems in connection with the publication of a guide book for the schools.

SONMENT, CONVERSION OF THE JAILOR.

A poor slave girl, in the grip of some sort of demoniacal power had her ability, or the ability her masters pretended she had, to tell fortunes, purveyed by her owners to their profit. She followed Paul and his company and called out that they were servants of God, showing a way of salvation. The Lord nor the Lord's servants have ever wanted the witness of the servants of evil, so Paul rebuked the evil spirits that possessed this poor girl, and restored her to her right mind.

Her masters were enraged that their hope of profit through their slave was gone, and being thus hit in the pocketbook, they raised a hue and cry against the preachers, and caused Paul and Silas to be seized, dragged before the magistrates, flogged and imprisoned.

At midnight, Paul said to Silas, "Don't you think we ought to hold a service? It's true, we have no choir and we have no organ, and we have no place to seat the congregation, and we can't take up a collection; but we can worship God." So they sang and prayed and the Great God gave an answer they had not expected. God's earthquake fixed that jail so every prisoner in it could have escaped, but no one of them did. This evidence of the power of God led to the conversion of the jailor.

(Lesson commentary based on "International Sunday School Lessons," International Bible Lessons for Christian Teaching, copyrighted by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A.)



REV. JOHN A. ABERNATHY stands by the name plate at the entrance to Abernathy Hall, the Korea Baptist Theological Seminary's administration building. The Korean inscription reads: "In honor of Dr. John A. Abernathy, a servant of the Lord in the Orient for 40 years. Founder, trustee, and first president of the Korea Baptist Theological Seminary."—(Photo by Mrs. Don C. Jones).

## KOREA SEMINARY BUILDING HONORS JOHN ABERNATHYS

Abernathy Hall, the administration building at Korea Baptist Theological Seminary, Taejeon, is a tangible remembrance of the John A. Abernathys' 10 years of service to Korea, and the 30 years they previously spent in China.

A stone at the entrance bears the Korean inscription: "In honor of Dr. John A. Abernathy, a servant of the Lord in the Orient for 40 years. Founder, trustee, and first president of the Korea Baptist Theological Seminary."

When the stone was unveiled shortly before the Abernathys left Korea for the States late in December, special commendation was given Mrs. Abernathy for the way she has stood by her husband's side through the years. Her reply: "Whenever he is honored, I am honored."

Following speeches of appreciation, gifts were presented to the Abernathys from the Baptist churches of Korea, seminary alumni, student body, and faculty. "I have great faith in the future of Korean Baptists," Mr. Abernathy told the group, "and

## Music Workshop To Be Held At N. O. Seminary

NEW ORLEANS, La. — Seven music leaders of the Southern Baptist Convention and the faculty of the school of sacred music of New Orleans Seminary will be among those participating in the Church Music Workshop Feb. 8-12 at New Orleans Seminary.

Among those who will participate are Dr. Warren M. Angell, dean of the Warren M. Angell College of Fine Arts, Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Okla., Dr. Hines Sims, secretary; Dan C. Hall, director of associational promotion, and Bill F. Leach, graded choir specialist, all of the Church Music Department of the Sunday School Board; Paul Stewart, Alabama Baptist State Convention; W. G. Stroup, Florida Baptist Convention, and Lowell C. Alexander, Louisiana Baptist Convention, all executive secretaries of the church music departments.

Representing the Seminary, will be Dr. W. Plunkett Martin, dean of the school of sacred music, and Genter L. Stephens, Dr. Claude H. Rhea, Jr., Miss Frances Brown, Miss Beatrice Collins, Mrs. Joan Stockstill Godsey, Wallace C. McKenzie, and Clifford E. Tucker, all of the music faculty.

Registration information and other inquiries should be addressed to Dr. W. Plunkett Martin and New Orleans Seminary.

## MC Receives A \$2,000 Grant From Esso

Mississippi College is the recipient of a \$2,000 unrestricted grant from the Esso Education Foundation, says Dr. R. A. McLembre, president of the college.

Announcing the gift from Esso is Eugene Holman, chairman of the Foundation. There is no stipulation as to how the college must spend the funds.

"Some schools have used these unrestricted funds to buy books, others have expanded their scholarships, and still others have been able to provide advanced training for members of their faculties," says Holman.

"It is particularly gratifying to the companies contributing to the Foundation, as well as to recipients of its financial aid," Holman states, "that grants have stimulated others—industry, individuals, and alumni—to support the colleges and universities. Local businesses, too, have been encouraged to assist private colleges in their own areas by the unrestricted giving which the Foundation pioneered to a considerable degree."

Mississippi College is one of 291 privately-supported schools in the U. S. to receive an Esso grant.

## Science Students At MC To Study In Oak Ridge Lab

Mississippi College students in advanced science courses will study for two weeks in a mobile radioisotope laboratory operated by the Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies.

Lecturers from Oak Ridge will also be on the Mississippi College campus Feb. 22-Mar. 4. The program is designed to offer specialized training in the techniques and applications of radioisotopes. The series of lectures and experiments will cover the basic counting techniques of radioisotopes in the field of biology, chemistry, and physics. The Mississippi College physics department initiated the radioisotope laboratory visit. Head of that department is Prof. H. A. Carlock.

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DEVOTIONAL

Christianity and Our World

By REV. D. C. APPLEGATE  
Pastor, First, Starkville

Math. 5:1-16

It is not good for one to feel his importance but it is necessary for one to realize his importance. When we fully realize our importance in the kingdom of God we will accept the challenges and responsibilities of Christian service.



Christianity And The Individual

There is no way of expressing what the Christian experience and the blessedness of the Christian life mean to the individual. Christ used the word, "Blessed." This says so much and expresses so many things. Christ wanted us to realize, as much as possible, the true meaning to our own heart and life.

The Christian And The World

Just how important is the individual Christian to the world in which he lives? The opening verses of this chapter show the importance of Christianity to the individual. Jesus then tells how important that person is to the world.

Two words are used: Salt and Light—Two essentials. Try to imagine, if we could live, a world without salt. This substance preserves, purifies, answers a physical demand that is a must, and makes food palatable. Christianity does these things in the world as it answers the spiritual demands of life.

Try to imagine, if we could live, a world without light. Darkness would soon result in our destruction of ourselves. You remember the appeals that have gone out to our country during wars, "Christians, Pray." Church doors were open and people were called to their knees. The nation realized where power and the answer really was.

We as Christians are vitally important to this world. Jesus used two words that described us as something the world must have to exist.

"Ye are the Salt of the earth," "Ye are the Light of the World."

Let us, therefore, give the sustenance of Salt and the guidance of Light to this world.

BOONEVILLE  
ORDAINS  
SIX DEACONS

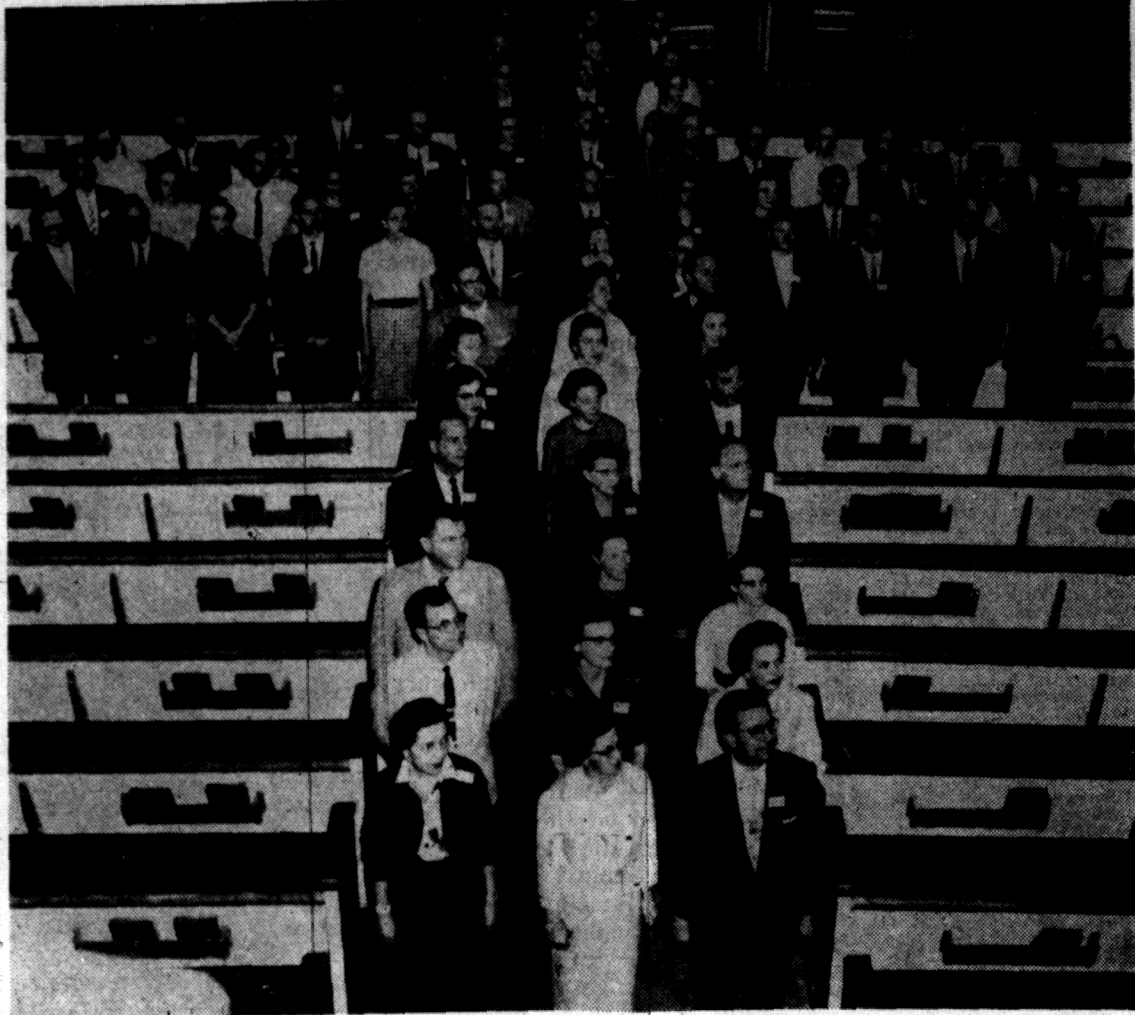
First Church, Booneville, recently adopted a rotation system for deacons, and at a service on January 10, six men were ordained as deacons.

Preaching the ordination sermon was Dr. J. W. Harbin of New Albany, with pastors and deacons from several nearby churches participating in the ordination service.

The six men ordained were Hugh Dickerson, W. C. Eaker, Dr. W. H. Hinton, Elmer E. McCoy, Joe Parr, and Wesley Wilbanks. Dr. A. O. Collins is pastor of the church.

WASHINGTON, D. C. — (BWA) — The Billy Graham Evangelistic team has pledged its full cooperation in helping to make the closing sessions of the Baptist World Congress in Rio de Janeiro "a success in God's eyes."

LOUISVILLE — (BP)—It was "moving day" at Carver School of Missions and Social Work here. Under direction of Miss Hilda Arnold, librarian, and Mike Speer, administrative assistant, more than 15,000 books were moved to the new James P. Boyce Centennial library building being used jointly by Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and Carver School.



MISSIONARIES and others forming the cross above were in attendance at the recent Orientation Conference held at the Foreign Mission Board.

Missionary Orientation Digs  
Deep Into Practical Problems

While most Americans rushed and pushed and shoved during the last full week before Christmas, 47 newly-appointed Southern Baptist missionaries sat quietly for seven days, and evenings, listening to 24 older missionaries now on furlough and asking questions about the numerous things they will be facing in the years ahead.

This second orientation conference of 1959 was held at the Foreign Mission Board's headquarters building in Richmond, Va., December 12-18. In addition to the furloughing missionaries, the faculty was made up of the administrative staff of the Foreign Mission Board and Dr. Myron C. Madden, chaplain and head of the department of pas-

toral care, Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, La.

It wasn't that the young missionaries didn't have anything to do in getting ready for Christmas — the 47 have 57 children; but, with most of their shopping already done and their Christmas cards addressed, they seemed to be caught up in a unifying experience of commitment to and divine strength for the task of taking the story of God's love, as revealed in Jesus Christ to a whole world. That is, they seemed to be the true observers of Christmas.

The Realities

The purpose of the orientation conference is to help new missionaries face up to the realities of living and working in

foreign countries. It is designed to dig deep into practical problems—how to keep healthy, how to live in isolation from other Americans, how to face crises, et cetera.

"The new missionaries learn that some of the problems they have visualized don't exist," said Dr. Elmer S. West, Jr., secretary for missionary personnel for the Foreign Mission Board and director of the conference. "They probably will have an easier physical life than they think. Ninety per cent of the missionaries of this Board live comfortably in homes not too different from American homes but these new missionaries will also find problems they haven't thought of. That's why this spe-

Public Relations  
Group To Gather

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — (BP) — A professor of journalism, a Washington newspaper correspondent, and steel corporation public relations director will speak to Baptist public relations officials here Feb. 1-2.

Set for those dates is the annual meeting of the Baptist Public Relations Association. Its members cover news, public relations, radio and television, periodicals, and audiovisual aids for Southern Baptist Convention agencies and state Baptist groups.

Another main speaker will be Shirley Smith of New York, executive secretary of the Public Relations Society of America. He will speak on "An evaluation of Public Relations in Religious Organizations."

The journalism educator is Rae O. Weimer, Gainesville, Fla., dean of journalism and communications at the University of Florida. The Washington newspaper correspondent is W. B. Ragsdale, whose topic is "Protocol, Politics, Pressures, and Public Relations Beside the Potomac."

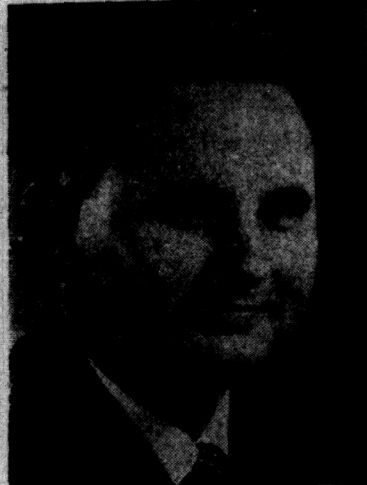
Clinton R. Milstead of Birmingham, United States Steel Corp. public relations official, will speak on "Internal Public Relations" and the Baptists will be conducted through one of the corporation's mills at Bessemer, Ala.

About 100 Baptist editors and communications specialists are expected. George E. Bagley of Montgomery, Alabama Baptist leader, is in charge of reservations.

cial orientation was devised."

Since 1954 the orientation conference has been held annually in late spring; but the number of appointments has increased until it was necessary to have two this year. The first one was in Birmingham, Ala., in June, with 160 in attendance.

The Foreign Mission Board has appointed 144 missionaries this year, and is expecting to appoint at least 150 in 1960.



Rev. Gordon Shamburger

Grandview Heights  
Church (Rankin)  
Calls Pastor

Rev. Gordon Shamburger, minister of missions for First Church, Brookhaven since September, 1957, has accepted a call to the Grandview Heights Church in Rankin Association.

Rev. Shamburger, a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary, has served as pastor at Trinity Church in New Orleans, Calvary Church in Lincoln Association, and Friendship Church in Pike Association.

During his ministry at Brookhaven he was pastor of Southway Church and Halbert Heights Chapel.

A reception honoring Rev. Shamburger and his family was held at the Halbert Heights Chapel Wednesday evening Jan. 13.

Only 3.1 Per Cent  
Of Air Time  
For Religion

NEW YORK (RNS)—Sustaining (free) religious programs received only 3.1 per cent of a week's total radio and television time of 141 commercial stations in 11 major U. S. cities, according to a National Council of Churches survey.

Radio, with 12,794 hours and 20 minutes of time gave only 3.5 per cent to "public service" religious shows; while TV, with a total of 3,559 hours and 19 minutes allotted only 1.7 per cent.

Included in the religious programs were sustaining shows of Protestant, Roman Catholic, Jewish, Christian Science and other church groups.

Revival  
Dates

Yazoo City, First: January 24-31; Dr. Vance Haver, Greensboro, N. C.



(the "Will Rogers of the Pulpit"), evangelist; Dave Cuttino, First Church, Meridian, s. n. g. leader; Rev. Harold Shirley, pastor. On Tuesday evening of the meeting, January 26, the Howard College Choir will join Dr. Haver and Mr. Cuttino in an unusual service being called a "Spiritual Spectacular."

Alabama Assoc.  
Commends Wayne  
Missionary

Rev. Walter L. Blain has been elected associational missionary for Wayne County Association. For the past five and one-half years, Blain has served as missionary for Washington County Association in Alabama.

Rev. H. H. Harwell, pastor of Leroy Church, Leroy, Alabama, has written in behalf of the executive committee of the Washington Association commending Rev. Blain as "a leader, a wise counselor," who is "zealous, enterprising, industrious, poised, discreet, and forward-looking."

Tunica Gifts  
To Lottie Moon  
Go Over \$3,000

Tunica Church, according to the pastor, Rev. Maurice Clayton, has given a total of \$3,374.46 to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering this year, or at least \$8.29 per capital resident members.

The church went over the \$2,000 goal the first Sunday in December.

IT IS TIME TO ACT

By Arnold T. Ohrn  
Baptist World Alliance

It is true: Registrations received in our Washington office for the 1960 Baptist World Congress are running forty per cent ahead of registrations at a corresponding point of time before the London Congress.

But early registration is so much more urgent this time that I want to sound a note of warning.

Here is why: South America is not Europe, and our whole situation is different. Shipping, air transport, hotel space—nothing of this is geared to a flow of traffic such as that of the North Atlantic. Even the 4000-plus who went to London for the Congress of 1955 did not add noticeably to the volume of travel.

Different Story

Brazil is a different story: 4000 extra travelers cannot be absorbed painlessly. The hotels and means of transport are no more than adequate for the growing number of businessmen and tourists ordinarily expected to visit the lands of opportunity and enchantment in South America. If we do not take up space before the 'season' begins, there is sure to be a drastic shortage later when Baptists are infested with travel fever and start humming "Flying down to Rio!"

Some steps have already been taken to insure your accommodations. Brownell Tours, for instance, has secured a large number of plane seats and hotel beds with a view to providing facilities for our Baptist people. But they can hold this space only a comparatively short time. If deposits have not been made right soon, the hotels and the air companies will demand that these facilities be released in favor of other customers who are clamoring for a chance. The only way the travel company can hold this space for Alliance customers is to secure the necessary deposits.

Must Act Soon

It is certain our people must act, and act soon. If not, there are going to be a lot of disappointed Baptists when June rolls around.

--- Going To Rio?

The thing to do is to see your own travel agent at once, while you still remember this warning. Brownell's folder alone gives you a choice between half a hundred different tours.

Will there be as many as 4000 from the U. S. A.? How can anyone know? But I wouldn't be surprised. We are going to one of the most beautiful places in the world. We shall meet in a country where the missionary cause has advanced more rapidly than in any other country in the world during the last few decades. We may easily break all previous attendance records for Congresses outside North America.

Pastors Institute  
In New Orleans  
To Be Feb. 8-9

An Institute for Pastors, featuring Dr. Wayne Oates, is being planned at Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, La., for February 8-9. The theme of the Institute is "Ministering in the Crises." Raymond C. Wilson, Administrator, announced.

Pastors will have opportunity to hear Dr. Oates on such subjects as "The Revelation of God in Human Suffering," "The Clinical Method is Pastoral Care," and "Confession and Health." He will also conduct a Seminar on "The Minister and Alcoholism."

Other featured speakers in the program include Dr. T. Sloane Guy, Executive Director of the Southern Baptist Hospital Board on "A Ministry to Families in Illness" and Dr. Dan Hayes, a Christian layman as well as a good physician.

The Institute will begin Monday afternoon at 2:00 p. m. and adjourn at noon Tuesday. The program is planned to allow visitors to New Orleans enough time to get the Monday evening meal in town.

Each person is asked to make his own housing arrangements. Those planning to attend the Institute are asked to send \$2 as advance registration fee.



RECEIVING ONE-YEAR perfect attendance pins and certificates at Lizana Chapel, Gulfport, on January 3, were (front row, left to right) Patricia Nieman, Jennell Gartman, David Nieman, Mary Vance, Kathleen Ladner, Billy Vance, Linda Gartman, Carolyn Ladner, Sherry Gartman, and Rev. A. D. Nieman, pastor, who stands at the right of Herbert Gartman, Sunday School Superintendent, on the back row. The chapel membership is 57, with a Sunday School enrollment of 78 and Training nion enrollment of 71.

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GUGGENHEIM  
PAINTINGS

Harry F. Guggenheim, President of the Board of Trustees of the Solomon R. Guggenheim Foundation, announces that a group of paintings from the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York, has been sent on extended loan to Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss.

This is one of sixteen groups of paintings which the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum is lending to educational institutions throughout the United States. The states represented are: Alaska, Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, New Mexico, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, and Wisconsin.

The paintings which will be shown until June 30 at Mississippi College include works by: Albers, Chagall, deChirico, Kandinsky, Klee, Marc, Moholy-Nagy, and Xecron.



REV. HENRY L. ANDERSON

pastor of Carrollton Avenue church, New Orleans, was awarded the doctor of theology degree at mid-term commencement exercises January 19 at New Orleans Seminary Born in Canton, China while his parents were serving on the mission field, Mr. Anderson received his undergraduate training at Mars Hill College, and Baylor University, and the bachelor of divinity degree from New Orleans Seminary. He served as pastor of Bethel Baptist church, Liberty, Miss., 1952-53.

COURTLAND  
LICENSES  
MINISTER

Claude Lazenby was licensed to the gospel ministry by the Courtland Church, where he is a member, on September 13, 1959.

A devout Christian worker for many years in his own church and in Panola Association, Mr. Lazenby surrendered to the ministry on August 23, 1959.

Chairman of deacons and music director at Courtland Church, he has served as associational music director for several years and has also served as associational Training Union director.

He is married to the former Winnie Henson. Their 16-year-old daughter surrendered three years ago for full-time Christian service.

Mr. Lazenby plans to begin educational preparation for the ministry soon.

Former Pastor  
Dies In Jackson

Rev. J. C. Whitehead, 85, of 1216 Langley Street, Jackson, died at his home Jan. 16, after a brief illness.

A native of Neshoba County, he had lived in Jackson for the past fifteen years. He was a member of Damascus Baptist Church in Madison County and a former pastor of the church.

Funeral services were held Monday, Jan. 18, with interment in Jackson Cemetery in Madison County.

Survivors are four daughters, Mrs. Elvie Smith, Miss Anita Whitehead and Mrs. Jewel Smith all of Jackson; and Mrs. Annie Houston of Atlanta, Ga.; four sons, Randolph Whitehead, Leon Whitehead, both of Jackson, Perry Whitehead and John Whitehead of Flora; thirty-four grandchildren.

Representatives of  
Life At Yazoo  
Baptist Church

Representatives of Life Magazine were visitors at the First Church in Yazoo City Sunday at all services in preparation for an article on the Southern Baptist denomination which will be featured in a spring issue.

The team observed and took pictures Sunday morning in various Sunday School groups and during the morning worship service. The theme of the eight to ten page pictorial essay which is slated to appear in a March issue of the magazine, is on the vitality of Southern Baptists.

Rev. Harold A. Shirley is pastor of the church.

DEBORAH E. ARLENE

JONES, the 26-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Jones of Newhebron Church, has a perfect Sunday School attendance record for over a year. Rev. J. W. T. Siler is the Newhebron pastor.